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This teacher resource guide provides a listing of resources available in Georgia for teaching students about the environment. Resource regions are divided into North Georgia, Coastal Georgia, Middle Georgia, and the Piedmont. Each listing includes offerings, educational focus, history/comments, handicap accessibility, and directions for each site described. (CCM)

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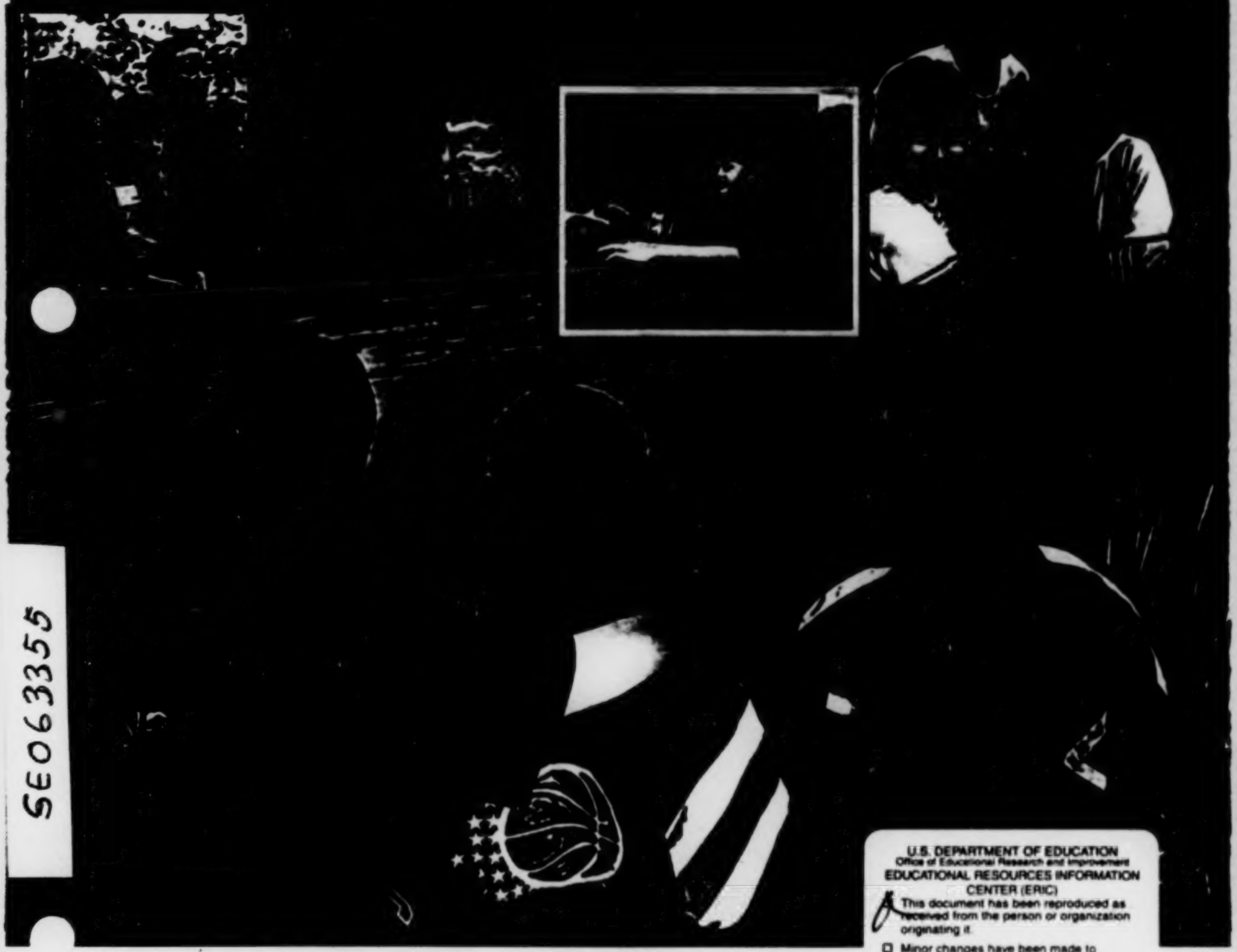

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Welcome

Welcome to The Georgia Environmental Education Teacher Resource Guide, a project of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia. We hope this guide will serve to inform and inspire you with the wealth of resources available in Georgia for teaching students about our environment.

Environmental education is the study of natural and constructed environments and fits well into curriculum guidelines because it integrates knowledge from natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. When you call representatives from environmental education centers and programs, they can discuss specific concepts covered in their lessons to help you correlate projects to Quality Core Curriculum objectives. Environmental education activities often provide hands-on connections with nature that help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, awareness and understanding of global issues, and a desire to act locally. Plus, students enjoy making real-life discoveries, in and out of doors.

Photocopy specific pages or the entire guide for your classroom. Take advantage of the easy-to-use information to explore the many environmental learning opportunities in Georgia, from the mountains of North Georgia to the beaches of Coastal Georgia, and everything in between. Your students will thank you!

Deron Davis
Executive Director,
Dunwoody Nature Center
Co-President, Environmental
Education Alliance of Georgia
January 1999

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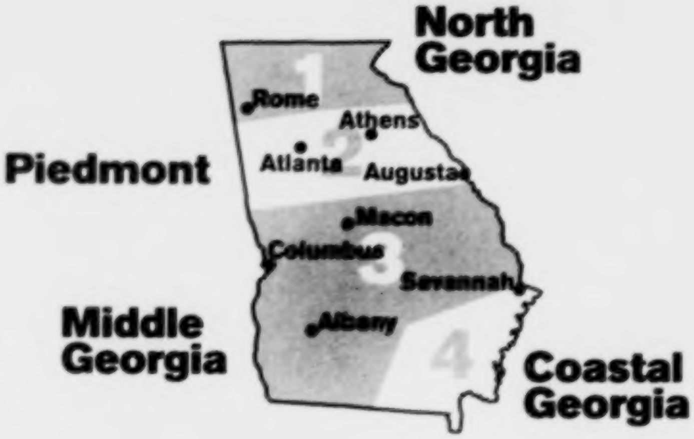
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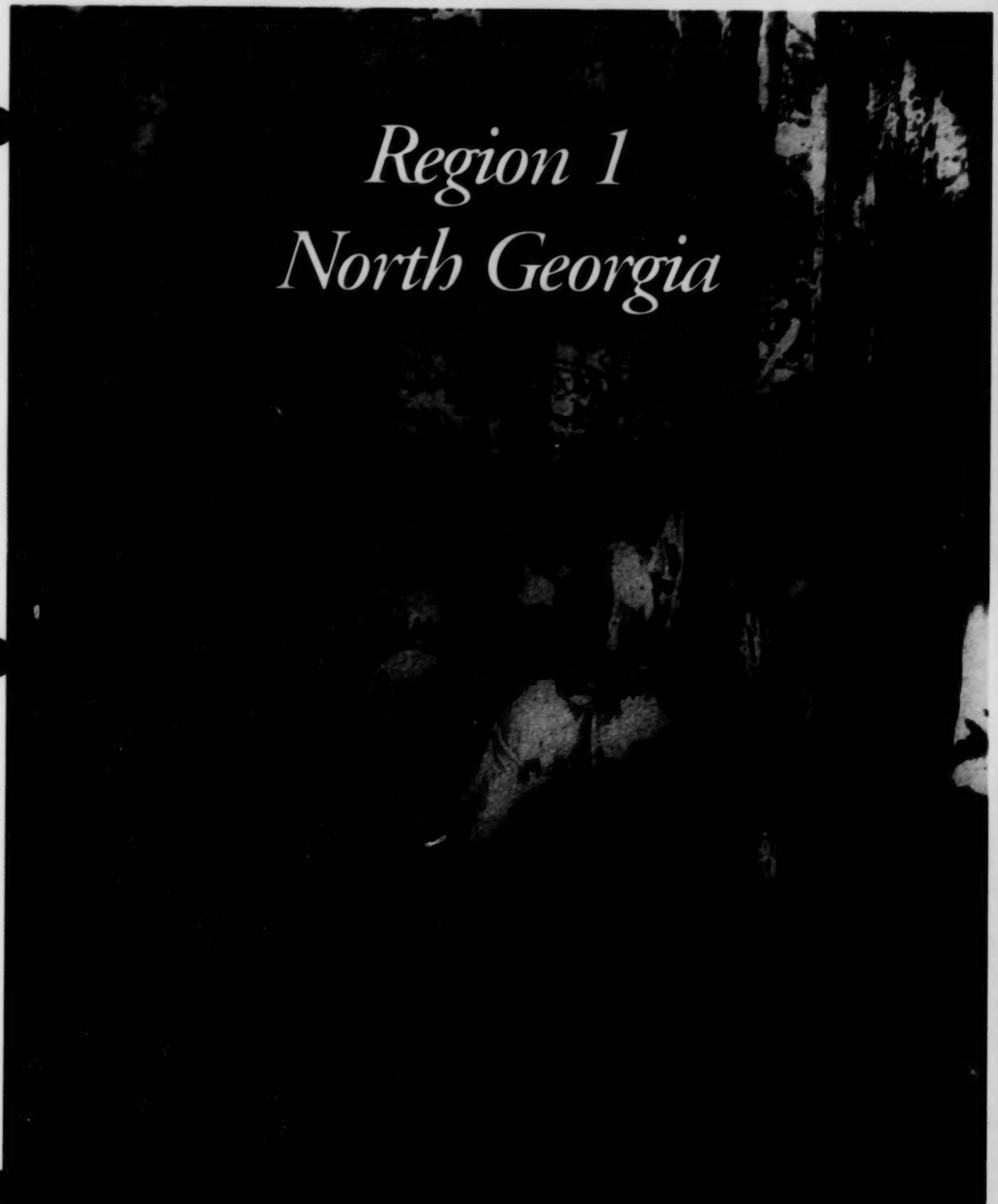

Region 1
North Georgia

I am constantly amazed at how much my students respond to the outdoors. Lessons are literally more alive than those printed on paper. A walk on the school campus reveals consumers, producers, and decomposers doing exactly what the textbook says they do. Erosion, sedimentation, and deposition occur on the playground and parking areas. Atop a tall, dead pine perches a red-tailed hawk that supervises the unloading of the buses each morning. Canada geese fly in formation over the school. In the spring our class will take a trip to Arrowhead Environmental Education Center and will be able to see the young goslings. Lessons on migration routes, map skills, geography and habitat evolve back in the classroom. Students become actively involved by looking, listening, smelling, touching, observing, measuring, thinking and writing. The outdoor classroom is a great way to add "life" to my lessons!

Cathy McGraw
5th Grade Teacher
Armuchee Elementary

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Amicalola Falls State Park

240 Amicalola Falls State Park Road Dawsonville, GA 30534

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs

Educational Focus: All aspects of environmental education.

History/Comments: Amicalola is a Cherokee word meaning "tumbling waters." The park's 729 foot waterfall is the central attraction in the 2,050 acres of hardwood forest. Four picnic shelters available if not already reserved; uncovered tables are also available. Restrooms are available.

Handicap Accessibility? Yes Call for more information about programs for special needs students.

Directions: Fifteen miles northwest of Dawsonville. Take Georgia Highway 53 west out of Dawsonville, then Georgia Highway 183 to Georgia Highway 52 east and follow the signs.

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COUNTY:
Dawson

PHONE:
(706) 265-4703
for program reservations

FAX:
(706) 265-4705

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Park:
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.,
Visitor Center:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Fees vary, call for more information. Group rates available.

Amicalola River Rafting Outpost

5725 Highway 53 W. Dawsonville, GA 30534

COUNTY:
Dawson

PHONE:
(706) 265-6892

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Bill Dulaney

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Ages 8 and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
Rates are flexible in accordance with activities and group size.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs

Handicap Accessible? No

Educational Focus: Respect for the earth; understanding the flora, fauna, and wildlife of the area; self rescue skills

History/Comments:

The outpost offers rafting trips that highlight natural and cultural history of the area. The Cherokee Nation lived in the area until gold was found in nearby Dahlonega. After settlers found gold here, the native people were sent on what is now known as the Trail of Tears. Picnic areas are available near the Outpost.

Directions: From 400 take highway 53 west for 15 miles (7 miles west of Dawsonville). The Outpost is on the left.

Anna Ruby Falls

P.O. Box 621 Helen, GA 30545

Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Purpose: Conservation

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Night hikes focusing on foxfire lichen

Handicap Accessible: A sight impaired trail is available. Facility paved, but very steep.

Educational Focus: Forestry, water, recreation, wildlife, fisheries.

Comments: Programs are on a first come, first served basis and are limited. Local schools have priority. Call at least 30 days in advance for programs in May and October. Restrooms and picnic tables are available

Directions: Highway 356 north from Helen to the Smith Creek Road. Follow signs from there to falls.

COUNTY:
White

PHONE:
(706) 878-3574

FAX:
(706) 878-3595

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Bill Burgess

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12 and college groups

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free except for night hikes

Arrowhead Environmental Education Center and Wildlife Trail

2592 Floyd Springs Road, NE Armuchee, GA 30105

COUNTY:
Floyd

PHONE:
(706) 295-6041

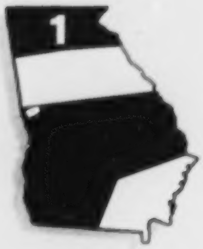
FAX:
(706) 295-6777

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Kim Mehaffey,
Environmental Education
Coordinator,
Floyd County Schools

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K through 12th grade

PROGRAM COSTS:
No cost to
participating schools



Operated by Floyd County Schools (Rome, GA) and Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Outreach programs
- Accredited Teacher Training

Handicap Accessible? Nature Center is wheelchair accessible. Trail is partially accessible (unpaved road). Call to discuss programs for special needs children.

Educational Focus: Wildlife and raptors of NW Georgia, but all aspects of environmental education are available including endangered species, reptiles, amphibians, birds of prey, water quality, etc. Custom designed lessons per teacher needs.

History/Comments:

Arrowhead is located at the Region 1 Headquarters of the Department of Natural Resources. The 337 acre Wildlife Management Area was originally a farming community which was later developed into a privately owned fish hatchery. Bought by the state in 1968, the hatchery was operated until 1979. Today the 14 hatchery ponds and three fishing lakes are currently used to aid in the management of waterfowl and wildlife. The site offers a 2.2 mile interpretive nature trail which focuses on natural history and native wildlife of the area including a wetland and 4 beaver lodges. Although fishing is not available to the public, visiting students on field trips may fish and take home their catch. The Center, which began its operation in 1994, is coordinated through a partnership between Floyd County Schools and the Georgia D.N.R. The center is only open to sponsoring school systems which currently include Floyd County, Calhoun City, Trion City, and Darlington Schools. Restrooms and picnic tables are available.

Directions: Call the Center at (706) 295-6041

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center

Route 3, Box 3495 Toccoa, GA 30577

Operated by the Mikell Camp and Conference Center

Mission/Purpose: To provide an entertaining and experiential understanding of stewardship, nature, and the joys of both.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift shop
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Facility is partially wheelchair accessible

Educational Focus: Aquatic systems, forest ecology, biodiversity, biotic systems, animal adaptation, forest succession, environmental responsibility

History/Comments:

Founded in 1991 by the Episcopalean Diocese of Atlanta for the purpose of promoting the beauty of northeast Georgia. Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available.

Directions: Off Prather Bridge Road in Toccoa

COUNTY:
Stephens

PHONE:
(706) 886-0656

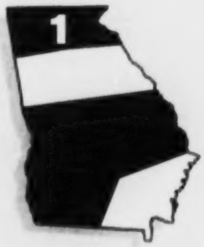
FAX:
(706) 886-7515

E-MAIL:
blueridge@alltell.net

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dane Robar,
Megan Wamberg

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Grades 3 - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Day trip: $10 - 15 per child;
3 day residency: $89.00/child



Brasstown Bald Visitor's Center

P.O. Box 9 Blairsville, GA 30514

COUNTY:
Towns/Union

PHONE:
(706) 745-6928 (Frances)
or (706) 896-2556

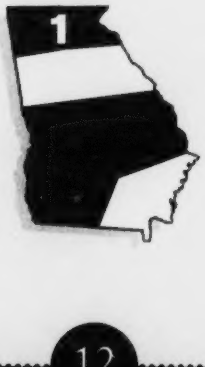
FAX:
(706) 745-7494

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily
Memorial Day to early November

PUBLIC CONTACT:
David Kuykendall or Frances Mason

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All grades and ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
None for programs and the bus parking fee of $10 is waived for school groups that make advance arrangements.



Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Purpose: To show the history of the north Georgia mountains and to provide an observation point for viewing the mountains.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible? Partially. Elevator will be available in 1999. Restrooms partially accessible.

Educational Focus: Mountain ecology, impacts of social development, recycling, watersheds

History/Comments:

Exhibits in the visitor's center illustrate natural and cultural history of the southern Appalachians. A video shows four seasons of year in north Georgia. The observation deck provides a view of four states and mountain terrain. The concept of watersheds can be explained when they are easily seen from the observation deck. Call a month in advance for group reservations.

Directions: From Blairsville travel south on U.S. 129 for 8 miles. Turn east (left) on GA 180. Follow this 9 miles to GA 180 spur. Turn north on GA 180 and follow 3 miles to parking lot.

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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

1755 Cleveland Highway Gainesville, GA 30501

Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Motto: "Caring for the land and serving people."

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Teacher trainings accredited through RESA available.

Handicap Accessible? Varying levels of accessibility. Please contact us with special needs requests.

Educational Focus: Forests, water, wildlife, ecosystems, soil, fire. Dyar Pasture Wetlands and Waterfowl Conservation Area, a Chattahoochee-Oconee property, offers water testing and a blind for waterfowl viewing.

History/Comments: We use Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET materials.

Directions: From 985 in Gainesville, follow signs to USDA Forest Service Office.

Note: Dyar Pasture Wetlands and Waterfowl Area is near Greensboro in Greene County.

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COUNTY:
Hall

PHONE:
(770) 536-0541

FAX:
(770) 534-4411

E-MAIL:
Rachel.Schneider/r8_Chattoconee@fs.fed.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Rachel Schneider

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
No charge for education programs to date

Chattooga Ranger District

P.O. Box 1960 Clarkesville, GA 30523

COUNTY:
Habersham

PHONE:
(706) 754-6221

FAX:
(706) 754-1021

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Lea Wofford

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Purpose: Conservation

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs

Handicap Accessible: No

Educational Focus: Forestry, water, recreation, wildlife fisheries.

Comments: Programs are on a first come, first served basis and are limited. Local schools have priority.

Directions: On Highway 197 north in Clarkesville

Elachee Nature Center

2125 Elachee Drive Gainesville, GA 30504

Mission/Purpose: To teach the community about the ecology of northeast Georgia

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Web site: www. Elachee.net
- Accredited teacher training available

Educational Focus: Comprehensive — air and water quality, plant adaptations, water/pond ecology, animal behavior, forest ecology, etc.

History/Comments:

Elachee is an environmental education center located in the 1200 acre Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve just south of Gainesville. For the past 20 years, Elachee has served the northeast Georgia community with school programs, summer camp, SDU courses for teachers, and programs for the general public.

Directions from Atlanta: I-85 north to I-985 north to exit 4, Oakwood. Turn left off the exit and take the first right, Frontage Road. Turn right and follow signs.

From GA 400: Take exit 17 and turn right. Proceed about 1 mile, turn right on GA 369. Stay on 369 through intersection of GA 53. Make a right at the next traffic light, Memorial Park Rd. Go 1 mile to the Atlanta Hwy. Turn right and go 1/4 mile. Turn left at the signs.

COUNTY:
Hall

PHONE:
(770) 535-1976

FAX:
(770) 535-2302

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Peter Gordon,
Director of Education

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to adult

Etowah Indian Mounds

813 Indian Mounds Road, SE Cartersville, GA 30120

COUNTY:
Bartow

PHONE:
(770) 387-3747

FAX:
(770) 387-3972

E-MAIL:
etowah1@innerx.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday
2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
4 years to College

PROGRAM COSTS:
Groups of 15 or more:
$1 per student
Leaders/teachers free.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To preserve and protect the natural resources entrusted to us.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Gift Shop
- Interpretive Museum

Handicap Accessible? Wheelchair access is available everywhere except the mound. A video for the hearing impaired is being developed.

Educational Focus: How Native Americans utilized the natural resources around them.

History/Comments:

Considered the largest and most important Indian settlement in the Etowah Valley, this pre-history Native American site was occupied between 1000 AD and 1500 AD, the Mississippian Culture period. This period is characterized by large platform mounds, ceremonial plaza, defensive ditches, and shell tempered pottery. Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available at nearby Dellinger City Park (call park to reserve, there is a charge). Please schedule programs one month in advance.

Directions: I-75 to exit #124. Go southwest for 5 miles to entrance.

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Fort Mountain State Park

181 Fort Mountain State Park Road Chatsworth, GA 30705

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: The mission of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division is to be keeper and steward of the State's parks and historic sites, and to protect, manage and preserve this heritage for interpretation, recreation, enjoyment, and enrichment of the citizens of Georgia and guests from outside Georgia.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift shop

Handicap Accessible? The entire park is wheelchair accessible. Only one trail is handicap accessible–Coolsprings Overlook.*

Educational Focus: All aspects of environmental education.

History/Comments:

Civilian Conservation Corps Park. Prehistoric resource. Call the park for more information. Programs are offered based on staff/resource availability.

Directions: 8 miles east of Hwy. 57 in Chatsworth.

COUNTY:
Murray

PHONE:
(706) 695-2621

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
year round

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Brian Ensley

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Costs vary: $2-$4
Some free programs.

** 1– handicap cottage–2 bedroom. 4 handicap camping sites–water, electric & cable.*

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H.O.M.E. (Help Our Mother Earth)

34 Rolling Thunder Drive Jasper, GA 30143

COUNTY:
Pickens

PHONE:
(770) 735-6275

FAX:
(770) 735-6275
(call first for faxes,
this is also a phone line)

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Always. Pre-scheduling suggested

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Chipa Wolf

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Designed to meet all grade levels

PROGRAM COSTS:
Prices vary for hourly, daily, or weekly performances, school visitation, or field trips.

Operated by Rolling Thunder

Mission/Purpose: To create diversity relations while understanding our roles as stewards of the Earth.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter (Members only)
- School outreach programs in Regions 1 and 2
- Nature hikes with native guides
- H.O.M.E. Memberships are offered to individuals, classes, and schools. Fees help sponsor the care of wild and domestic animals.
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partial. Programs can be structured to the age/other requirements of special needs children.

Educational Focus:
Wildlife and environmental responsibilities (living with the Earth), population awareness, domestic and wild animal protection, wildlife rehabilitation, promoting a deep personal respect for nature.

History/Comments:
Chipa Wolf has been offering cultural programming in Georgia and the southeast for 10 years, working in alliance with groups as diverse as Georgia Peace Officers and southeastern colleges. Outreach programs offer native dance, lore and story-telling, primitive skills, native philosophies. Field trips include feeding animals, seeing buffalo and bear, a tipi encampment, and educational displays. We are self-reliant in our programs and school visitation is our #1 calling. Please schedule programs at least two weeks in advance.

Directions: I-575 north to first red light in Jasper, GA. Turn left and go 3 miles and turn right at Rolling Thunder Drive. We are at the top of the hill.

Hightower Education Forest

4500 Hwy. 53 East Dawsonville, GA 30534

Operated by the Georgia Forestry Commission

Mission/Purpose: To offer hands-on activities in an outdoor learning facility, teaching students of the importance of forests and related issues.

Offering:
- Programs

Handicap Accessible? Some areas. Programs for special needs children are available.

Educational Focus: Trees, soils, water conservation, and forestry practices.

History/Comments:
A 142 acre mountain-side educational working forest. Programs are correlated with the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum standards. Restrooms and picnic tables are available. Please make reservations at least two weeks in advance.

Directions: From Atlanta: GA 400 North to Hwy 53; turn left (West) toward Dawsonville. 1.5 miles on left.

COUNTY:
Dawson

PHONE:
(706) 216-6073

FAX:
(706) 216-2373

ALTERNATE FAX:
(770) 531-4080

E-MAIL:
gfc009
@peachnet.campus.mci.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Norma Rainwater

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Preschool to adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

Medicine Bow

104 Medicine Bow Dahlonega, GA 30533

COUNTY:
Lumpkin

PHONE:
(706) 864-5928

HOURS OF OPERATION:
By schedule of classes

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mark Warren

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
7 years and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
Variable – call for more information and schedule of classes.

WEB SITE:
www.stc.net/~medbow

Mission/Purpose: To bridge humans to nature through the adventure of Indian skills.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Outreach programs
- Teacher training
- Summer camp

Handicap Accessible: On site programs are not handicap accessible.

Educational Focus: Botany, survival skills, and Indian crafts using natural materials of the forest. Outreach programs include Native American and American frontier history, conservation, ecology, and more. Teacher training is conducted on-site at the school and provides teachers with tools for easily incorporating environmental education into the curriculum using the school grounds.

History/Comments: Medicine Bow has been sharing nature with children and adults for 25 years as far north as Minnesota, west to Texas, and south to Belize.

Directions: From Dahlonega square travel north on Highway 60 for 2 miles, left on Wahsega Road for 7.2 miles, right on Hunters Ridge for .1 mile to parking lot.

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Smithgall Woods Conservation Area

61 Tsalaki Trail Helen, GA 30545

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- Programs
- Gift Shop
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Water, habitat, wildlife, etc.

Comments:
Restrooms and a covered picnic area are available.

Directions: On Alternate Highway 75 northwest of Helen, Georgia. Please call for further directions.

COUNTY:
White

PHONE:
(706) 878-3087

FAX:
(706) 878-0301

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
1-12

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Spirit Bird and Rolling Thunder Entertainment

34 Rolling Thunder Drive Jasper, GA 30143

COUNTY:
Pickens

PHONE:
(770) 735-6275

FAX:
(770) 735-6275
(call first, line is
also phone line)

HOURS OF OPERATION:
The Ninth Annual Cherokee County Indian Festival offers a special field trip for school groups Friday, May 7, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Kristin Wolf

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Program costs vary.
Festival:
$4.00 students and chaperones
Teachers FREE

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Native American entertainment/educational programs
- Indian Festival

History/Comments:

Spirit Bird and Rolling Thunder Entertainment bring Native American song, dance, and story-telling to students through classroom performances and special events. An annual Cherokee Indian Festival and Mother's Day Pow Wow offers a chance to step into yester-year. The Festival offers an opportunity to see first-hand Native American warriors in full regalia on horseback, the Native American hoop dance, and a Muscogee Creek encampment. Students learn numerous native skills and eat native foods. Please call for more information.

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Tallulah Ranger District

809 Highway 441S Clayton, GA 30525

Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Mission/Purpose: Caring for the land and serving people.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Outreach Programs
- Accredited teacher trainings are planned for the future.
- Conference Room

Handicap Accessible: Yes. Programs for special needs students are available.

Educational Focus: Pollution prevention, forestry, flora, fauna, endangered species, natural resources, watershed protection, and ecosystem management.

History/Comments: An environmental education teacher was hired in February 1998 to teach Environmental Science in local schools and to serve as a resource person for the community.

The staff environmental education teacher is available to present programs at schools and for civic/community organizations upon request. On site restrooms are available. Please schedule programs 2-4 weeks in advance.

Directions: The Tallulah Ranger District office is located on Highway 441 across from Shoney's Inn, just south of the intersection of Highway 441 and US 76 in Clayton, Georgia.

COUNTY:
Rabun

PHONE:
(706) 782-3320

FAX:
(706) 782-2079

E-MAIL:
jdarnell/r8,chattoconee,
tallulah@fs.fed.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Jennifer Darnell

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Wahsega 4-H Center

77 Cloverleaf Trail Dahlonega, GA 30533

COUNTY:
Lumpkin

PHONE:
(706) 864-2050

FAX:
(706) 867-2901

E-MAIL:
eeewah@STC.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Residential program

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dawn Garrison

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
3 - 8th grades

PROGRAM COSTS:
3 day/2 night
$68.00/person
2 day/1 night
$48.00/person

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission: To provide a learning environment which enhances appreciation of the natural world, through interdisciplinary hands-on learning experiences for youth.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs

Handicap Accessible: Partially

Educational Focus: Hands-on, academic and experiential classes (science, social studies, math, language arts, and others) in compliance with the state curriculum standards. Utilizes the water, forest, plants and wildlife, and mountain ecosystems as a dynamic, living laboratory for learning.

History/Comments: Wahsega 4-H Center was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. School/youth groups utilize the center throughout the school year. It has been used as a summer camp since 1938.

Directions: From the square in Dahlonega travel north on Highway 60 for 2 miles. Turn left on Wahsega Road. Turn left at the end of this road and travel down the dirt road which ends at Wahsega 4-H camp.

Walker County Science and Technology Center

409 Pond Springs Road Chickamauga, GA 30707

Operated by the Walker County Schools

Offering:
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Bugmobile and Space Shuttle speciality vehicles.
- Planetarium
- Accredited Teacher Training

Handicap Accessible? No.

Educational Focus: Ecology, water and air pollution. Programs meet Quality Core Curriculum standards.

History/Comments:

Built in 1966, the Walker County Science and Technology Center conducted its first program in 1967. In 1998 the Center moved to the current site.

Please make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Restrooms and picnic tables are available.

Directions: Highway 341 to Pond Springs Road, 1/4 mile on left.

COUNTY:
Walker

PHONE:
(706) 375-8001

FAX:
(706) 375-8028

E-MAIL:
wcsc-001
@chattanooga.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dr. Wayne Robinson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to Graduate

PROGRAM COSTS:
$1.50 per student

William Weinman Mineral Museum

51 Mineral Museum Drive, Cartersville, GA

COUNTY:
Bartow

PHONE:
(770) 386-0576

FAX:
(770) 386-0600

E-MAIL:
weinman@innerx.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sundays

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Barbara McCormick

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Admissions:
$3.50 adults
$3.00 Senior Citizens
$2.50 Children
Basic Program (for school groups of 15 or more):
Pre-K to 6th $2.00
7th and up $3.00
Expanded program:
Pre-K to 6th $5.25
7th and up $6.25

Operated by the Etowah Foundation

Mission/Purpose: To educate people of all ages in the field of earth science with an emphasis on minerals, rocks, and fossils of the state of Georgia and their economic uses.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Gift shop
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: Geology

History/Comments:
The museum has 3 exhibit halls, gold panning, and fossil hunting ($2.00 each). Special events occur throughout the year.

Directions: From the south: I-75 north to exit # 126. Turn left from the ramp and left again on Mineral Museum Drive (between the Holiday Inn and Coastal gas station).

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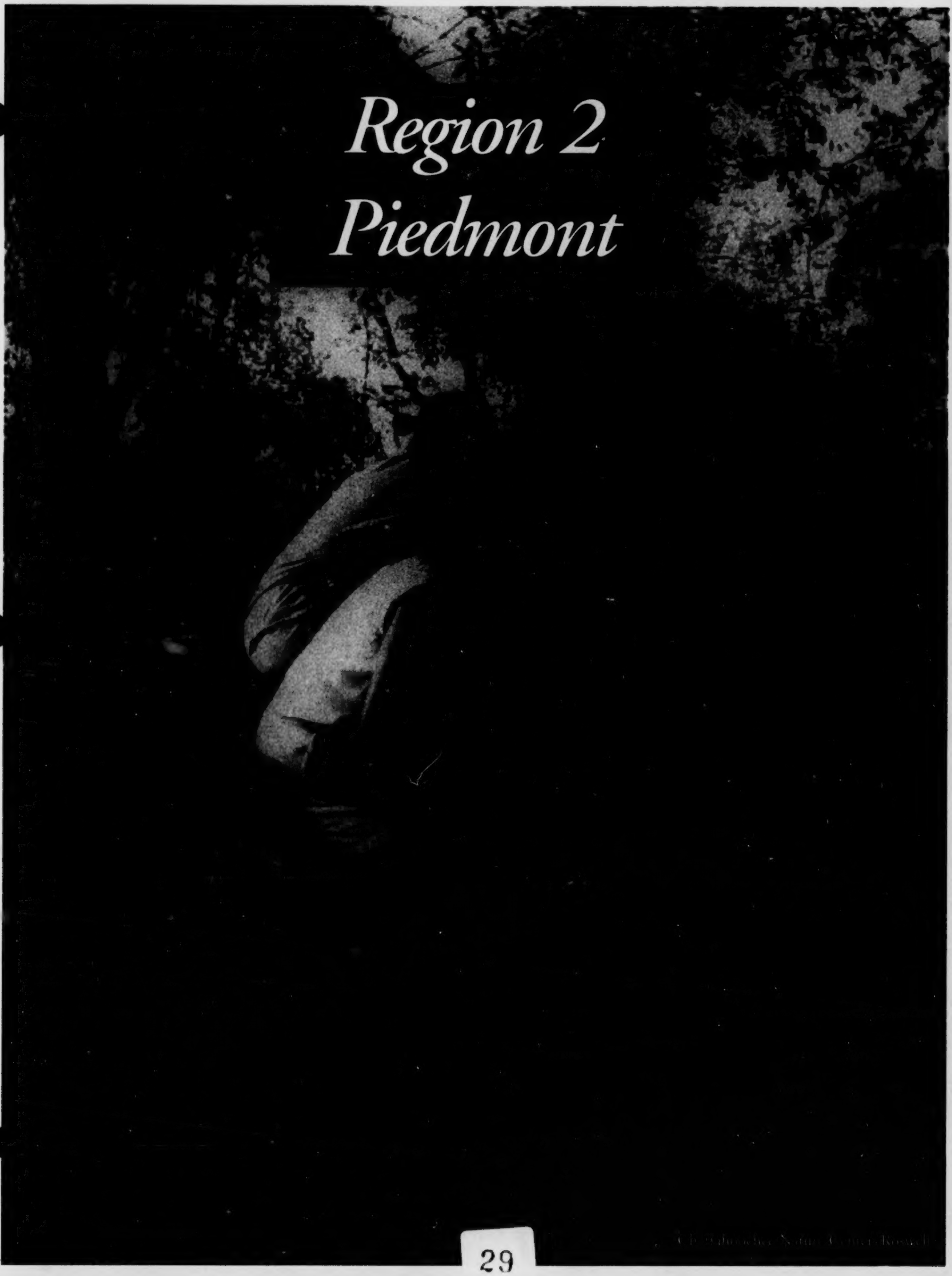
Region 2
Piedmont



Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell

How do you use environmental education in the classroom?

As part of my chemistry and biology curriculum I thoroughly cover the reaction of combustion with its reactants and products. Students observe emissions testing in our automotive lab and learn to interpret emissions "print-outs." We watch a video on natural gas automobiles (distributed by Atlanta Gas Light Co) and read an article about the Atlanta Regional Commission's air pollution problem (clean air = federal money). I also review the impact of emissions on the greenhouse effect and on the Atlanta "heat island/microclimate." To consolidate these concepts, students work in groups to make visual presentations (on posters or overheads) depicting their solutions to air pollution problems. They then share these solutions with the class. These presentations become the focus of whole-class discussions concerning the air-pollution issue.

Ted Wansley
9-12 grade teacher
Alexander High School

Alpharetta Environmental Education Center

Alpharetta Environmental Services 131 Roswell Street
Suite A-1 Alpharetta, GA 30604

Operated by the City of Alpharetta

Mission/Purpose: To assist teachers in incorporating environmental education into the curriculum in a variety of academic disciplines.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Free Resource Materials
- Most programs are outreach to schools in the surrounding area
- Library
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Programs are available for hearing and vision impaired children and will be expanded in late 1999.

Educational Focus: Recycling, composting, pollution, hazardous waste, plants, animals, natural resources (air, water, soil, ecosystem studies, conservation), science (earth and physical, microbiology, weather, general), arts and crafts

History/Comments:

A broad-based environmental education center providing resources for pre-K to 12th grade teachers, businesses, and the general public. The present center has limited space and most programs are conducted off-site. A new environmental center will be built on 35 acres and open by the end of 1999.

Directions: GA Hwy 400 to Old Milton Parkway (exit # 10). Turn to the west. Turn right onto Roswell Street and take an immediate left onto Alpharetta Executive Center Office Complex. Office is in Suite A-1.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 442-9057

FAX:
(770) 751-7868

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dee West

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Programs are free to schools in our Green School Program.
$2 per child for other schools.

Atlanta Audubon Society

Box 29189 Atlanta, GA 30359

PHONE:
Information Line:
(770) 955-4111

WEB PAGE:
www.hitt.com/~jhitt/
audubon.html

STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:
All ages

Mission: To promote the enjoyment and understanding of birds and to conserve and restore the ecosystems that support them.

Offering:
- Field Trips – weekly guided birding trips at a variety of locations throughout the Atlanta metro area and surrounding counties during the spring and fall migration periods (March-May and August-October)
- Programs – monthly meetings with informational speakers on a variety of conservation topics (open to the public); Audubon Adventures sponsor Atlanta area elementary classrooms to receive materials as part of a curriculum enhancement program teaching children science, environmental topics and respect for nature.
- Speakers available on a limited basis
- Newsletter – "Wingbars," published monthly for members, describes activities, field trips, field sightings, and environmental issues.
- Outreach – Audubon Youth Camp: awards annual youth scholarship for ecology camp in Maine or Vermont; Annual Christmas Bird Counts-1 day species counts sponsored by National Audubon Society held throughout Georgia; Annual Birdathon-birdwatching challenge activity

Educational Focus: Birds and their habitats.

History/Comments:

The Atlanta Audubon Society was founded in 1973 as a successor to the Atlanta Bird Club and is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. There are approximately 4500 members. While there is no physical facility or office at the present time, the organization is very active within the community through its field trip programs, monthly and annual meetings, involvement in local conservation issues such as wetlands protection, and environmental education efforts such as Audubon Adventures and community habitat outreach. Monthly meetings and lectures are held the second Thursday of each month in northeast Atlanta and are open to the public.

Directions: Monthly meeting takes place at the Unitarian Universalist Church: I-85 to N. Druid Hills Rd. Take northbound access road to church at intersection of Cliff Valley Way.

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Piedmont Park at the Prado P.O. Box 77847 Atlanta, GA 30309

Mission: To develop and maintain plant collections for the purpose of education, research, conservation, and enjoyment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Newsletter (for members)
- Outreach programs
- Gift Shop
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Educational Focus: Plant conservation, adaptation, diversity

History/Comments: This 30 acre garden is a resource for education on plant conservation, adaptation, and biodiversity. Restrooms are available. Picnic facilities are available at nearby Piedmont Park.

Directions: From I-75/85 exit on 14th Street. Travel east on 14th. Turn left on Piedmont Avenue. The Garden entrance is 1/4 mile down on right.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 876-5859, x226

FAX:
(404) 876-7472

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Cindy Gottlieb,
Education Office

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K through 12th

PROGRAM COSTS:
Field trip costs range from $2 - $3/student

Autrey Mill Nature Preserve and Heritage Center

9770 Autrey Mill Road Alpharetta, GA 30022

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 664-0660

FAX:
call phone number before faxing

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Trails and grounds open everyday during daylight hours.
Visitor's Center hours change seasonally, call for current hours.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Michelle Sienkiewicz, Director

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
Pre-K through adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
Range from $3 - $10, average $5

Operated by the Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Association, Inc.

Mission: To protect, preserve and maintain the natural resources of this 46 acre site; to provide natural science, historical and cultural programs developing a deeper appreciation in children and adults for our natural and historical environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Partially. Programs are adaptable for special needs audiences.

Educational Focus: Soil and water conservation, wetlands, native plants, wildlife, and Georgia History.

History/Comments: The land surrounding Autrey Mill has undergone many changes over the past century from forest farmland in the time of the Cherokee Indians, to cotton farm and mill site in the mid 1800's, to the present woodland/ravine forest with northern affinities.

Today the preserve's land totals 46 acres with 1 1/2 miles of hiking trails which include a scenic creek with rocky shoals, numerous springs, picturesque cliffs, mature trees, valuable plants and considerable animal life including aquatic life.

The buildings on the property present evidence of its cotton plantation past and serve as museums displaying artifacts from the 1920's and an exhibit of native Georgia animals.

Portalets and picnic tables are available. Please call two weeks in advance to schedule programs.

Directions: From Atlanta travel 400 North, exit Holcomb Bridge East (Norcross). Turn left at second traffic light on Old Alabama Rd., stay on Alabama 4+ miles. Turn left on Autrey Mill Road, proceed 1/2 mile to parking lot on left.

Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail

293 Gran Ellen Drive Memorial Park Athens, GA 30606

Operated by Athens-Clarke County

Mission/Purpose: To provide educational opportunities designed to create an informed citizenry capable of making increasingly difficult decisions concerning our natural systems.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs include "Creatures of the Night," "Birds of Prey Today," "Vertebrate Review," "Populations and Communities," and wildlife walks, as well as other programs upon request
- Some accredited teacher training.

Handicap Accessible? Yes. Programs are available for children with special needs.

Educational Focus: Animal habits, adaptations, and role in environment, plant adaptations and uses, endangered species including problems, solutions, and successes.

History/Comments:

This native animal zoological park features primarily birds and mammals in natural habitat enclosures. All residents are unreleasable to the wild.

Restrooms and both covered and uncovered picnic tables are available at nearby Memorial Park.

Directions: From South Milledge Avenue in Athens turn on Gran Ellen Drive at sign. Memorial Park and Bear Hollow are 3 blocks down on left.

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 613-3616

FAX:
(706) 613-3584

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Sunday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Karl Enter

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
1 hour program: $1 for Athens-Clarke residents
$2.00 for out-of-county
Call for other fees.

Big Trees Forest Preserve

130 Azalea Drive Sandy Springs, GA

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 594-9367

FAX:
(770) 594-7738

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Sun-up to sundown

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Charlie Cochrane, Director

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
Any age. Groups must be supervised.

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Mission: To preserve and protect this urban forest while linking learning, health, and well-being to the natural environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Speakers

Educational Focus: Flood control, watershed protection, acquifer recharging, water and air purification, soil retention, temperature moderation, habitat enrichment, natural succession, forest resource management.

History/Comments: Thirty acres fronting Roswell Road in Sandy Springs was set to be developed. A southeast local preservation trust preserved property with Fulton County as a partner. Now used for forest education.

Directions: From I-285 take GA 400 north to Abernathy exiting west. Go 1.2 miles to Roswell Road. Turn right onto Roswell Road and go 2.2 miles north to the preserve on right next to North Fulton Government Service Center at 7741 Roswell Road. Park on south side of Government Service Center parking lot next to preserve entrance.

CCWA (Newman) Wetlands Center

2755 Freeman Road Hampton, GA 30228

Operated by Clayton County Water Authority

Mission: Promoting public awareness, education and conservation of wetlands and other natural environs.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Birdwatching classes for adults & children
- Accredited teacher trainings

Handicap Accessible: Facility is wheelchair accessible, and programs are available to the physically impaired

Educational Focus: Wetlands ecology; also natural resource conservation, plant/animal adaptation, community habitat planning.

History/Comments: Part of a wetland mitigation project, this facility has indoor exhibits, video, 1/2 mile trail with a boardwalk through swamp and forest. Picnic areas (some covered), and restrooms are available.

Please schedule 3 months in advance for spring or fall programs.

Directions: I-75 to exit 71 (Jonesboro/McDonough Road). Turn west towards Lovejoy. Go 6 miles to Freeman Road on the right. Go 1 1/2 miles on Freeman Road to Wetlands Center on the left.

COUNTY:
Clayton

PHONE:
(770) 603-5606

FAX:
(770) 603-5602

E-MAIL:
wetlandsctr
@ccwa1.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Trail open 7 days/week
Building open:
Mon-Sat 8:30-5:00
(March-October)
Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00
(November-February)

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Carol Lambert

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-12 + adults

PROGRAM COSTS:
No charge for
school programs.
Fees for special classes,
such as birdwatching.

Chattahoochee Nature Center

9135 Willeo Road Roswell, GA 30075

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 992-2055

FAX:
(770) 552-0926

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
(770) 992-2055, x 122

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Preschool - 12th

PROGRAM COSTS:
$4 per child, minimum 10 students, 2 adults required, (free admission)

Mission/Purpose: To promote an understanding and appreciation of our natural environment.

Offering:
- Extensive school & program resource materials
- Accredited teacher training
- Field Trips
- Exhibits
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: Boardwalk, exhibit, gardens, restrooms are all accessible. Programs are adaptable for special needs audiences.

Educational Focus: Interpretation of the wildlife and plants along the river and surrounding areas

History/Comments: The Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC) is located on the Chattahoochee River in North Fulton County. CNC focuses on interpreting the wildlife and plants along the Chattahoochee River and surrounding areas through programs and exhibits. CNC is one of the oldest and most respected nature centers in Georgia. Restrooms are available.

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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

1755 Cleveland Highway Gainesville, GA 30501

Operated by the U.S. Forest Service

Motto: "Caring for the land and serving people."

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Teacher trainings accredited through RESA available.
- Environmental Education newsletter web site: www.fs.fed.us\conf\press\get_hooked.html

Handicap Accessible? Varying levels of accessibility. Please contact us with special needs requests.

Educational Focus: Forests, water, wildlife, ecosystems, soil, fire. Dyar Pasture Wetlands and Waterfowl Conservation Area, a Chattahoochee-Oconee property, offers water testing and a blind for waterfowl viewing.

History/Comments: We use Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET materials.

Directions: From 985 in Gainesville, follow signs to USDA Forest Service Office.

Note: Dyar Pasture Wetlands and Waterfowl Area is near Greensboro in Greene County.

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COUNTY:
Hall

PHONE:
(706) 485-7110 or
(770) 536-0541 *Rachel Schneider*

FAX:
(770) 534-4411

E-MAIL:
Rachel.Schneider/r8_Chattoconee@fs.fed.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Liz Caldwell, Tony Tooke or Rachel Schneider

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
No charge for education programs to date

Chattahoochee Water Treatment Plant

2532 Bolton Road, NW Atlanta, GA

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 609-7112 or -8004

FAX:
(404) 609-7117

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Lillie Diamond or
Pamela Johnson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-College

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

Operated by the City of Atlanta Water Department

Purpose: To educate the public about water treatment and conservation.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Speakers
- Resource Materials (supplies limited)

Handicap Accessible: Partially

Educational Focus: Water treatment for drinking water

History/Comments: This facility is one of two drinking water treatment plants that provide clean water to the Atlanta area. Education focuses on the treatment of drinking water. Tours are scheduled on Tuesday through Thursday. Call early for available dates. No groups over 50 people.

Directions: I-75 to Moores Mill Road. Coming from the south, turn right from the exit. Turn right again on Bolton Road. Turn right at traffic light onto Plant Road. Make a quick right into treatment plant.

Cochran Mill Nature Center

6300 Cochran Mill Road P.O. Box 911 Fairburn, GA 30213

Mission/Purpose: To teach the importance of respecting the earth and each other through environmental education and team building programs.

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs
- Newsletter
- Other: Special events, Team Building programs, summer camp, ropes courses, hiking trails
- Accredited teacher training offered occasionally

Handicap Accessible: Partially. Please call to discuss.

Educational Focus: Native wildlife, forestry, pollution prevention, water, adaptations, etc.

History/Comments: Private, non-profit facility open to the public since June 1994. Located on 50 acres adjacent to Fulton County's Cochran Mill Park, an 800 acre Nature Preserve consisting of miles of hiking trails and scenic waterfalls. South Fulton's best kept secret!

Picnic facilities and restrooms are available.

Directions: From Atlanta: I-85 south past Atlanta airport to Exit 16. Stay left onto South Fulton Parkway. Follow Parkway until it ends (approximately 15 miles) and turn right onto Rivertown Road. Follow to first stop sign and turn left onto Cochran Mill Road.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 306-0914

FAX:
(770) 306-8463

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through
Saturday, year round
March through October
open Sundays also,
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Monica Kilpatrick or
Maribeth Wansley

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Admission Fees:
$1/adult, .50/child
Environmental education programs:
$3-4/person
Teambuilding and ropes course programs:
Fees vary

Dauset Trails Nature Center

360 Mt. Vernon Road Jackson, GA 30233

COUNTY:
Butts

PHONE:
(770) 775-6798

FAX:
(770) 775-6863

E-MAIL:
dausettrails@
mindspring.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Saturday
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday

STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 12th

Operated by the Daughtry Foundation, Inc.

Purpose: Dauset Trails is a private non-profit outdoor education center for all ages.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Newsletter
- Web Site: www.webweebers.com/dausettrails/
- 2 pavilions to rent
- Open chapel
- Camping for organized groups

Educational Focus: Animal adaptations, endangered species, poisonous plants, native Georgia birds of prey, mammals, and reptiles, dendrology, farm life and crops.

History/Comments:

Founded in 1977 by Hampton Daughtry and David Settle. 1100 acres of hiking trails, creeks, lakes, woods and fields with guided programs.

Restrooms, picnic tables and grills are available.

Directions: From I-75 take exit 65, go past High Falls State Park, take third road past park on right (Mt Vernon Church Road), and center is approximately 3 miles on left.

Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve

3787 Klondike Road Lithonia, GA 30038

Operated by the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department.

Mission/Purpose: To protect endangered species, to educate, provide research opportunities, and provide low impact recreation opportunities.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Accredited Teacher Training

Handicap Accessible? Partially.

Educational Focus: Endangered plant species, amphibians, cultural resources, geology, wetland programs and ecology; Project WILD, Project WET, Project Learning Tree, Habitat Ecology Learning Program, etc.

History/Comments:

Similar, but smaller, to Stone Mountain, the former rock quarry was donated by the Davidson family in 1972 to become a park. The Preserve is home to two endangered plant species, plus dozens of endemic species found only on rock outcrops. The open expanse is excellent for hiking and the sunsets are glorious from atop Mount Arabia! Come and enjoy the Preserve but please observe all DeKalb County ordinances.

Directions: From Atlanta: Take I-20 east, once outside the perimeter, take the third exit (#38). Turn right on Evans Mill Road, continuing straight at the light onto Woodrow Road. Go to end of Woodrow and turn right on Klondike Road. Continue past Rockland Road (flashing light). Preserve office is located at the second drive on the right (brown house). Mountain parking is 1 mile further south on the left (4158 Klondike).

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(770) 484-3060
FAX:
(770) 484-3059

HOURS OF OPERATION:
7:00 a.m. - dusk

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mary Terry

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
2nd grade and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
Varies

Dunwoody Nature Center

5343 Roberts Drive Dunwoody, GA 30338

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(770) 394-3322

FAX:
(770) 394-8811

E-MAIL:
deron@mindspring.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
The Nature Center is open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for scheduled programs. The park is open sun up to sun down, seven days a week.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Program Manager

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Age 2 to 8th grade

PROGRAM COSTS:
$3/student ($30 minimum) for 1 hour program (Pre-K-5th grade) $4/student ($40 minimum) for 1.5 hour program (6-8th grade) No charge for teachers or chaperones.

Operated by Dunwoody Nature Center, Inc., PO Box 88834, Dunwoody, Georgia 30356, in agreement with the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department

Mission: To develop, improve, and preserve 22 acres of DeKalb County's Dunwoody Park as a natural classroom for environmental education.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs

Handicap Accessible: A small portion of the building/trail areas are wheelchair accessible. For field trips/programs, please call to discuss needs.

Educational Focus: Preschool field trips (Fall is Here, Nature's Winter Wonderland, Spring into Action and Butterflies Are Free) focus on the seasons. K-5th grade trips (Nature Makes Sense, Insect-igation Station, Animals on the Move, Can't Break the Chain, Plant Parts and Earthwise Exercise) are academically-based and correlated with the Quality Core Curriculum. Activities include using the senses in nature, identifying insects, discovering animal habitats and food chains, exploring adaptations in plants and recognizing pollution issues. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade trip (Looking to the Future by Learning from the Past) focuses on archaeology techniques, Creek Indian customs and ways human beings impact the land.

History/Comments: This resource was organized in 1990 to ensure the protection of Dunwoody Park as a natural resource.

Restrooms and picnic facilities are available.

Directions: Exit 6, Northridge Road, off Georgia 400. Then go south on Roberts Drive, or call for further directions.

ECO-REACH

Institute of Ecology Athens, GA 30602

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission/Purpose: To provide scientifically based environmental education to our community.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Can provide some limited programming for Spanish-speaking students and special education students

Educational Focus: ECO-REACH is able to provide environmental education on a wide variety of subjects, which change periodically as membership changes. Please call us to see if we can meet your needs.

History/Comments: ECO-REACH is a volunteer organization providing speakers and programs to schools and certain community groups at no cost. Volunteers are predominately graduate students, with some faculty and undergraduate members.

Because ECO-REACH is a low-budget, volunteer organization, we can only provide service to Athens-Clarke county and some surrounding counties such as Oconee, Oglethorpe, Jackson, Madison, Greene, and Barrow, if the school is within a half hour drive of UGA.

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 542-2968

FAX:
(706) 542-6040

E-MAIL:
ecoreach
@arches.uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Varies

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Ellen Sutherland or
Dr. Carol Hoffman

STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
No cost

EcoWatch AmeriCorps

3790 Market Street Clarkston, GA 30021

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(404) 298-8900 x208

FAX:
(404) 298-8990

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday through
Wednesday and one
Saturday every month

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Program Director

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Currently none.

Operated by the Atlanta Outward Bound Center

Mission/Purpose: EcoWatch focuses on revitalizing neighborhoods through community greening, protecting waterways through streambank stabilization and restoration and developing a strong ethic of environmental service in those with whom we serve through experiential education projects.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Outreach programs

Handicap Accessibility: The facility is partially accessible. Programs are available for special needs students.

Educational Focus: Water, ecology, Adopt-A-Stream, gardening, and other topics dependent on the school.

History/Comments: EcoWatch AmeriCorps is a service program that trains and mobilizes young people to work on behalf of Atlanta's natural environment. We are available to come to schools for educational field days and construction of outdoor classrooms/gardens.

Restrooms are available. Covered picnic tables are available at nearby Milam Park. Please make program reservations six months in advance.

Directions: Call for directions.

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and Brooke Ager Discovery Area

543 Elliott Trail Wildlife Resources Division Mansfield, GA 30055

Operated by Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission/Purpose: To offer a comprehensive wildlife education program and provide hunting, fishing, and other wildlife related recreational opportunities, while at the same time managing for a wide variety of wildlife habitats.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Outreach Program for 3rd-5th grade
- Accredited teacher training in Project WILD available.

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Outreach: The Vertebrate Animal Kingdom, Snakes and Other Herps, Birds of Prey, Aquatic Biology.

Discovery Area: Lake ecology, invertebrates, orienteering, watersheds, animal tracks and signs, Predators, Tree identification, Animal wildlife

History/Comments:

The Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and Brooke Ager Discovery Area offers a hands-on approach to environmental education while calling on students' science, social studies, math, and reading comprehension skills. Day long field trips to the Discovery Area are designed for 50-60 students. Activities include the Discovery Room, Schoolyard Habitat Trail and the Wildlife Education Trail, Aquatic Education on Clubhouse Lake, Invertebrate Studies, and Orienteering.

Directions: I-20 east to GA Hwy. 11, Monroe-Monticello Exit 47. Go south on Hwy. 11, cross Highway 278 and Highway 142. Go through Mansfield, travel about 3 miles and turn left onto Maraben Farm Road. Go 1 mile and turn right onto Elliott Trail.

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COUNTY:
Jasper/Newton

PHONE:
(770) 784-3059

FAX:
(770) 784-3061

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office and Wildlife Center: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; outreach programs are normally conducted Tuesday - Thursday. Closed Monday.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Burnie Kessner,
Alesia Rast,
Rusty Garrison

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
3rd - 6th grade

PROGRAM COSTS:
Call regarding program costs.

Environmental Science Education Program

960 College Station Road Athens, GA 30606

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 355-8315 or
(706) 769-6840

E-MAIL:
McDaniel.Kate@epa.gov

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Thursday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Kate McDaniel

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-16

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Operated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mission: To interest students K-16, the general public and teachers in hand-on science related to all aspect of the environment.

Offering:
- Lab tours and demonstrations
- Environmental science careers program
- Hand-outs on various environmental topics
- Classroom presentations
- Small project grants
- Teacher Training

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: All teaching and training materials are reflective of the Agency's research and development. Some materials are supplemented by excellent non-Agency materials.

History/Comments:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, established in 1970, has been the leading edge organization to study the earth's ecosystem and the effect on human health of any contaminants therein. In 1990, Congress passed the Environmental Education Act which gave the agency the authority to promote better understanding of the scientific fundamentals in our ecosystem.

Directions: Locate the tall Russell Research Center on College Station Road east of Athens and the U.S. EPA Research Laboratory is next door (the driveway next to the Russell Research Center driveway).

Fernbank Museum of Natural History

767 Clifton Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30307-1221

Operated by Fernbank, Inc.

Mission/Purpose: To disseminate to the public at large the record of our world and its environs from the beginning of time to the present. The institution shall promote the exhibition and interpretation of the artifacts and evidences of natural history and the preservation of scholarship on such evidences, patterns, and artifacts.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- IMAX films
- School Group Brochure
- Web site: www.fernbank.edu
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? The museum is wheelchair accessible.

Educational Focus: Exhibits, IMAX films, and educational programs cover a wide range of environmental issues: rainforests, oceans, habitats. Our permanent exhibits focus on earth history, Georgia's natural environments, and human cultures.

History/Comments:

Fernbank Museum was established in 1992 as a not-for-profit institution serving all of Georgia. The museum sits on the edge of Fernbank Forest, a 65 acre old-growth forest, a unique feature of this urban environment.

An understanding of natural history can show us what we have been, all we are, what our world has been, what our world is and what we have the potential to become.

Restrooms and lunch facilities available. Lunch facilities include large front lawn or indoor picnic-style seating on floor of Great Hall.

Directions: From Downtown Atlanta, go north on Peachtree Street. Turn right on Ponce de Leon Avenue. Travel for approximately two miles. At the intersection of Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff Road start counting traffic lights. The fourth light is Clifton Road. Turn left onto Clifton Road, the Museum entrance is on the right.

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(404) 378-0127

FAX:
(404) 378-8140

HOURS OF OPERATION:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Saturday
12:00 - 5:00 Sunday

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Museum exhibits:
$4.50/student
Museum and IMAX:
$7.50/student
Museum and educational program: $5.50/student
IMAX only: $4.50/student

Fernbank Science Center

156 Heaton Park Drive, NE DeKalb County School System Atlanta, GA 30307-1398

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(404) 378-4311

FAX:
(404) 370-1336

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sundays

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mary Hiers, Director

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
DeKalb County schools: no charge
Out of county and private schools: $1.00/student

Operated by the DeKalb County School System

Mission: To educate the public by way of exhibiting artifacts and evidences of natural history of our world and its environs from beginning of time to the present.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- GSAM site
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? All facilities are wheelchair accessible. Many programs are available for special needs students.

Educational Focus: Over 200 programs on all aspects of environmental education. Many IDL programs and GSAMS.

History/Comments:

Operated by DeKalb County schools since 1968, the center offers a planetarium, observatory, 65 acre forest, EM and microbiology lab, meteorology lab, human development classroom, IDL lab, GSAMS.

Restrooms are available.

Directions: From Downtown Atlanta, go north on Peachtree Street. Turn right on Ponce de Leon Avenue. Travel for approximately two miles. At the intersection of Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff Road, start counting traffic lights. The fourth light is Clifton Road. Turn left onto Clifton Road, the Museum entrance is on right.

Flat Creek Nature Center

201 McIntosh Trail Peachtree City, GA 30269

Operated in conjunction with Southern Conservation Trust, Inc., a private, non-profit organization.

Mission/Purpose: The staff and volunteers are committed to providing exciting, environmental educational programs that will appeal to all ages and will promote awareness, appreciation, and knowledge of our natural world. "Observe, Conserve, and Preserve."

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs (meet applicable core curriculum standards)
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Nature Camps
- Nature classes
- Birthday parties
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Handicap restrooms. Boardwalk trail accessible by golf cart (call to make arrangements well in advance). Handicap fishing/dock/picnic area available at Line Creek Preserve by Fall 1999.

Educational Focus: School field studies are tailored to meet the needs of individual classes. Nature center staff coordinate with teachers on a variety of topics and activities. Scout programs are designed to meet badge requirements. Adult programs also available.

History/Comments:

Flat Creek Nature Center, established in 1997, is located in the Flat Creek Wetlands Nature Preserve which encompasses 513 acres within the city limits of Peachtree City. Currently, there are over 3 miles of paved paths adjacent to the preserve, as well as a 1,000 foot boardwalk extending into the wetlands. Programs are also conducted at the Line Creek Nature Preserve, a 50 acre woodland stream site located also in Peachtree City. School and scout programs last 1 1/2 hours (preschool can be shorter).

Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available.

Directions: I-85 exit 12. Head south on GA 74 for 12 miles. Cross GA 54 and continue 2 miles to Kelly Drive/McIntosh Trail. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to the recreation complex. The nature center building is located between the Gathering Place and the amphitheater.

COUNTY:
Fayette

PHONE:
(770) 486-9363

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Currently open for scheduled programming seven days a week.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Marcia Brown

STUDENT AGES SERVED:
3 1/2 to adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
$3.00 per student/Field studies
$4.00 per student/Birthday parties
Class costs and seminar costs vary.

Forty Oaks Nature Preserve

3790 Market Street Clarkston, GA 30021

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(404) 508-7602

FAX:
(404) 508-7604

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Preserve Hours are daylight to dusk, 7 days a week, Preserve Center is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Nicole Vachon

STUDENT AGE SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

Operated by the DeKalb County Parks & Recreation

Mission/Purpose: Forty Oaks Nature Preserve is intended to serve as a resource center for environmental education and passive recreation.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Service project opportunities
- Georgia AAS trainings available for teachers. SDU credits are offered.

Handicap Accessible: Handicap ramp. Programs for special needs students possible if informed and assisted by staff. Location can be used by teachers to teach their own students also.

Educational Focus: Water quality, specifically streambank stabilization; Adopt-A-Stream; Project Learning Tree; Project WET.

History/Comments: Forty Oaks was acquired through a Land Trust Acquisition. Since work began on the property in September 1996, work has focused on reclamation of the property, development of trails, outdoor education circles, a wetland plant demonstration pond and streambank stabilization.

Restrooms are available when center is open. Picnic facilities are available at nearby Milam Park.

Directions: From 285 take the Clarkston exit and travel east to Market Street. Turn right onto Market Street, cross the railroad tracks and pass through one stop sign. You will see a wooden sign for 40 Oaks on your left.

Geosphere Environmental Education Training Center

8615 Barnwell Road Alpharetta, GA 30022

Operated by the U.S. National Park Service, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The Geosphere Center and the CRNRA environmental education programs are supported by a non-profit (501c3) organization, Friends of Geosphere.

Mission/Purpose: To facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge, skills, and understanding of the resource resulting in persons using these attributes to make informed decisions, take constructive actions, and become responsible stewards of the Chattahoochee River Corridor.

Offering:
- Field studies
- Programs
- Bookstore (resource books, posters, environmental education materials)
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partially handicap accessible at the Geosphere Center

Educational Focus: The primary focus of the Chattahoochee River NRA's environmental education programs is adult training. All training courses and all workshops are open to formal and non-formal educators, youth organization leaders, resource agency staff, and any interested volunteer. Pre-service training is offered through area universities. Student field study programs of 1-4 hours are also offered.

Directions: From Interstate 285: Take Hwy. 400 north to exit 7A. Travel east on Holcomb Bridge Road for 4 miles and turn left onto Barnwell Road. Travel .7 miles and the Geosphere entrance is on the right.

From I-85: Take exit 37, Jimmy Carter Blvd. Travel west. Jimmy Carter Blvd. becomes Holcomb Bridge. Cross the river and Barnwell Rd. will be one mile on the right. Turn onto Barnwell and the Geosphere entrance will be .7 miles on the right.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(770) 642-8386

E-MAIL:
jerry_hightower@nps.gov

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Open for scheduled events, programs, and training

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Jerry Hightower

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

H.O.M.E. (Help Our Mother Earth)

34 Rolling Thunder Drive Jasper, GA 30143

COUNTY:
Pickens

PHONE:
(770) 735-6275

FAX:
(770) 735-6275
(call first for faxes, this is also a phone line)

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Always. Pre-scheduling suggested

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Chipa Wolf

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Designed to meet all grade levels

PROGRAM COSTS:
Prices vary for hourly, daily, or weekly performances, school visitation, or field trips.

Operated by Rolling Thunder

Mission/Purpose: To create diversity relations while understanding our roles as stewards of the Earth.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter (Members only)
- School outreach programs in Regions 1 and 2
- Nature hikes with native guides
- H.O.M.E. Memberships are offered to individuals, classes, and schools. Fees help sponsor the care of wild and domestic animals.
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partial. Programs can be structured to the age/other requirements of special needs children.

Educational Focus:
Wildlife and environmental responsibilities (living with the Earth), population awareness, domestic and wild animal protection, wildlife rehabilitation, promoting a deep personal respect for nature.

History/Comments:
Chipa Wolf has been offering cultural programming in Georgia and the southeast for 10 years, working in alliance with groups as diverse as Georgia Peace Officers and southeastern colleges. Outreach programs offer native dance, lore and story-telling, primitive skills, native philosophies. Field trips include feeding animals, seeing buffalo and bear, a tipi encampment, and educational displays. We are self-reliant in our programs and school visitation is our #1 calling. Please schedule programs at least two weeks in advance.

Directions: I-575 north to first red light in Jasper, GA. Turn left and go 3 miles and turn right at Rolling Thunder Drive. We are at the top of the hill.

Lanier Museum of Natural History

2601 Buford Dam Road Buford, GA 30518

Operated by the Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Department

Purpose: To provide environmental education programs to Gwinnett citizens.

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Summer Day Camps
- Park Outreach Program
- Programs
- Newsletter for members only
- Small gift shop
- Accredited teacher training available (Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, Project WET)

Handicap Accessible? Building only.

Educational Focus: To provide environmental programs/exhibits on Gwinnett and Georgia.

Comments: Current programs listed in Gwinnett L.I.F.E. brochure. Restrooms and picnic tables are available. Please make reservations at least 2 weeks in advance.

Directions: Peachtree Industrial Boulevard/McEver Road to South Waterworks Road (towards dam), then follow signs.

COUNTY:
Gwinnett

PHONE:
(770) 932-4460

FAX:
(770) 932-3055

HOURS OF OPERATION:
General Public: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday
(closed holidays)

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Carla Rapp or
Mark Patterson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Call for current pricing

McDuffie Environmental Education Center

P.O. Box 1075 Thomson, GA 30824

COUNTY:
McDuffie

PHONE:
(706) 597-2528

FAX:
(706) 595-2033

E-MAIL:
amatherl@
mcduffie.K12.ga.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Ann Matherly, Coordinator

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
$3.00 per student from non-partner counties. No charge for students in partner counties

Operated by the McDuffie County Board of Education

Mission/Purpose: Connecting the classroom to the environment through technology.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Web site: http://tech.nscdiscovery.org/~meec
- Accredited teacher training available.

Handicap Accessible? Partial. Programs for special needs children available upon request.

Educational Focus: Water resources, habitats, biotic and abiotic components of habitats, plants and animals of the area, preservation of our environment.

History/Comments:

McDuffie has been established through a partnership with McDuffie County Board of Education, the Department of Natural Resources, and 5 participating county Boards of Education. Field trips must be scheduled through Ann Matherly. Brochures describing lessons are available. Lesson information can be found on the Center's web site.

Picnic tables, both covered and uncovered, and restrooms are available.

Directions: Located at the public fishing area and Warm Water Hatchery in Dearing, Georgia.

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Museum of Natural History

University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602-1882

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission/Purpose: The primary mission of The University of Georgia Museum of Natural History is to collect and preserve evidence of the cultural and natural heritage of Georgia and beyond, to encourage scholarship and service relating to the collections, to foster stewardship of the heritage of the people of Georgia, and to instruct people in their cultural and natural heritage.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Tours by appointment
- Website: http://museum.nhm.uga.edu/
- Science Box
- Teacher summer training workshops (pre and inservice credits)

Wheelchair Accessible? Facilities are wheelchair accessible. Program adaptations for children with special needs can be made. Please discuss in advance.

Educational Focus: Natural history, biodiversity, animals, plants, geology, anthropology, and paleontology.

History/Comments:

The Museum of Natural History at UGA was developed by professional staff and associated faculty and teachers. In 1978 the University of Georgia formally recognized the Anthropology, Botany, Entomology, Geography, Geology, Plant Pathology, and Zoology collections as the University of Georgia Museum of Natural History. While it is administratively one of the youngest museums of its kind in the nation, it ranks in size and importance as one of the top three or four research-technical-service museums in the Southeast and one of the largest in the nation.

Restrooms are available.

Directions: On the University of Georgia campus at the corner of East Campus and Cedar Street. See map at: http/museum.nhm.uga.edu/UGAMNHmap.html

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 542-1663
(main office)
(706) 542-4137

FAX:
(706) 542-3920

E-MAIL:
aedwards@
museum.nhm.uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Betty Harris,
Office Manager
Amy Edwards,
Program Coordinator

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12; College

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Naturally Inquisitive, Inc.

126 Battery Way Peachtree City, GA 30269

COUNTY:
Fayette

PHONE:
(770) 486-9383

FAX:
(770) 486-9384

E-MAIL:
brownrc@mindspring.com

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Marcia Brown

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Age 3 - Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
Costs vary. Please call to discuss programming needs.

Mission: To provide a resource in science and environmental education to teachers and non-formal educators.

Offering:
- Resource Materials
- Outreach programs only
- Curriculum Design
- Teacher training

Educational Focus: Air, water, plants, animals, sun, basic chemistry and physics. Activities help students gain knowledge and appreciation of our natural and physical world.

History/Comments:

Naturally Inquisitive, Inc. provides discovery-based science and environmental education on a variety of subjects. Programs are designed to capture the interest of all students by emphasizing an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

Outdoor Activity Center

1442 Richland Road Atlanta, GA 30310

Mission: To educate and involve children and adults in the areas of conservation, ecology, and the natural environment.

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Ropes course (low), Ecological playscape, shaded picnic area, 700 gallon freshwater aquarium, hiking trails
- Accredited teacher training
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: Facility: Handicap ramp and bathroom facilities. Programs: Bridges and short trail is wheelchair accessible.

Educational Focus: Ecology, DNA testing, composting, recycling, water quality, Native Americans, urban animals, animal adaptations, tree identification, rope course (low). Curricula meet new standards of QCC.

History/Comments: This resource is a 23 year old urban forest and nature center; the first in Atlanta. Twenty-six acres of mature piedmont forest. Plenty of urban wildlife and historic Bush Mountain.

Picnic area and restrooms are available.

Directions: I-20 west from 85/75, Exit #18, Langhorn Street. Turn left, pass 2 lights, turn right onto Cascade Road. Pass Kroger and 2 more lights, turn left on Beecher, right on Gaston, left on Richland Rd. Facility is on the right.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 752-5385, -7004, or -1805

FAX:
(404) 756-1806

E-MAIL:
oac@mindspring.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Richard Cralle

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - College

PROGRAM COSTS:
$3.50 per person. Program requirements include 1 adult for every 10 students

Oxford Institute for Environmental Education

c/o Biology Department 100 Hamill Street Oxford, GA 30054

PHONE:
(770) 784-8446
(770) 784-8397

FAX:
(770) 784-8423

E-MAIL:
sbaker@emory.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
The teacher training is held in June.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dr. Steve Baker

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Teachers of K-12

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Operated by the Oxford College of Emory University

Mission/Purpose: To allow teachers to become comfortable in using their schoolyards to teach ecological principles while using the investigative approach.

Offering:
This is a 2 week teacher training workshop for teachers of K-12. 6 SDUs.

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Investigative approaches to ecology instruction utilizing schoolyard habitats. Teachers develop instructional plans for investigations using the specific resources available in their schoolyards.

Hands-on field and laboratory experiences for teachers, using area schoolyards, nearby natural habitats, and an on-site laboratory facility.

Course includes experiences in the use of both aquatic and terrestrial habitats for instruction, stresses the optimal use of existing schoolyards, and addresses careful planning for schoolyard enhancement to meet instructional goals.

Comments:
Accommodations are normally available for teachers who live too far away to commute.

Directions: I-20 to Exit 45 to 278 east. Right on Emory street (81 north) to Oxford College.

Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge

Route 1, Box 670 Round Oak, GA 31038

Operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mission: To conserve, protect, and enhance habitat for the benefit of wildlife.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Short Wheelchair accessible trail, most trails not accessible. Auditorium programs are available for all students.

Educational Focus: Active wildlife management for the benefit of wildlife species.

History/Comments: Acquired in 1939 for the purpose of restoring eroded farmland. Managed for the benefit and enhancement of endangered species, migratory birds, and resident wildlife. Please call in advance to arrange field trips or programs.

Restrooms and picnic areas are available.

Directions: 18 miles east off Exit 61 from I-75, or 11 miles north of Gray off state highway 11.

COUNTY:
Jones/Jasper

PHONE:
(912) 986-5441

FAX:
(912) 986-9646

E-MAIL:
R4RW_GA.PDM@fws.gov

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
John Gahr

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - College

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

W.H. Reynolds Memorial Nature Preserve

5665 Reynolds Road, Morrow, GA 30260

COUNTY:
Clayton

PHONE:
(770) 603-4188

FAX:
(770) 603-4190

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
Grounds 8:30 a.m. - Dusk daily

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

COST OF PROGRAMS:
$2 - 7 depending on cost of materials

Operated by the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department

Mission/Purpose: To preserve this 130 acre woodland habitat and provide educational programs to foster an interest in and appreciation of our natural environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Outreach Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Natural History
- Discovery boxes (for Clayton County Schools only)
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: A few of the paths are paved including the bricked trail that make up the Native Plants Interpretive Trail.

Educational Focus: Plants and animals of the pond, forest, and wetlands and their relationships to one another.

History/Comments: A 130 acre mixed deciduous forest with 3 miles of trails, ponds, springs, heritage vegetable and herb garden. Georgia Native Plants Trail, compost demonstration site, and Nature Center.

The preserve was donated to Clayton County by William H. Reynolds in 1976. The historic Huie/Reynolds House (not open to the public) and barn (open to the public), constructed 1867.

Restrooms and covered picnic tables available. Picnic facilities must be reserved.

Directions: I-75 Exit #76, Jonesboro/Morrow. Turn left onto Highway 54. Travel north to Reynolds Road. Turn left. Travel 1 mile to second preserve entrance on the left.

Rock Eagle 4-H Center

350 Rock Eagle Road, Eatonton, GA 31024

Operated by the University of Georgia

Purpose: Provide educational programs in an outdoor setting.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs
- Residential program
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Educational Focus: Academic, interdisciplinary, hands-on classes (science, social studies, math, language arts, and others) in compliance with the state curriculum standards; classes utilize the out-of doors as a dynamic living laboratory for learning; considered a field-study site for schools; no class time is lost.

History/Comments: The center was built in the 1950s as a State 4-H site. The Environmental Education Program began in 1979 as a teacher training offering S.D.U. credit. The site has a unique rock eagle effigy mound, beautiful forests and lake habitats, 54 cottages, 7 educational buildings, large dining hall, auditorium, and a new natural history museum. Audience: residential and day-use school and youth groups.

Directions: Take I-20 east of Atlanta for approximately one hour; turn right (south) at Exit #51 (Madison/Eatonton) onto US-441. It takes about 15 minutes to reach Rock Eagle 4-H Center sign which is on the right.

COUNTY:
Putnam

PHONE:
(706) 484-2834
(Env. Ed. Office)
(706) 484-2868
(reservations)

FAX:
(706) 484-2888

E-MAIL:
4henved@uga.edue

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Residential

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Cheryl Thompsen

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
K-12 and Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
3 day/2 night - $73 per person
2 day/1 night - $48 per person

Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Road Athens, GA 30607

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 613-3615

FAX:
(706) 613-3618

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mike Wharton

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Call for current rates

Operated by Athens-Clarke County

Mission: To cherish the environment, to express the spirit, to enlighten the mind, to nurture friendships, to recreate oneself.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Newsletter to members
- Resource Materials
- Gift shop
- Environment, Natural Science and Appropriate Technology (ENSAT) Center
- Discovery boxes
- Occasional accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Yes. A new ADA accessible trail is now available.

Educational Focus: Field Studies are grade specific for Pre-K to 5th graders and include programs on how people and animals use the 5 senses; animals, plants, photosynthesis, soil, classification, wetlands, weather, collecting ecological data, using a microscope.

History/Comments:

Sandy Creek Nature Center was organized in 1973 to provide environmental education to the Athens community. The Center consists of 225 acres of woodland, field, marshland, river, and stream–all interwoven with approximately 4 miles of nature trails.

ENSAT is a local and regional focus for energy conservation and environmental education. By demonstrating successful and attainable construction alternatives, ENSAT demonstrates ways in which energy and conservation technology can be incorporated.

Directions: Take the Commerce Exit north from the Athens Bypass. The entrance to the nature center is a short distance on the left.

Science To Go, Inc.

1493 Huntingford Drive Marietta, GA 30068

Purpose: To bring hands-on science enrichment.

Offering:
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Outreach programs only
- Georgia Department of Human Resources approved teacher workshop for early childhood educators.

Handicap Accessible: Can adapt any of the programs for special needs–please call to make arrangements.

Educational Focus: Air, water, soil, rocks, minerals, plants, animals, habitats, energies (light, sound, magnetism), etc.

History/Comments: This program brings hands-on indoor/outdoor science activities to pre-schools that cannot afford to take their children to off-site facilities for enrichment. Science To Go has provided a unique science program to preschools for the past 11 years emphasizing the need to know more about our environment and how to take better care of it.

COUNTY:
Cobb

PHONE:
(770) 998-5676

FAX:
(770) 594-8908

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Joy Fuchs

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 5th grade

PROGRAM COSTS:
1st class - $85 (maximum of 20 students). Additional classes on same day and same topic $75. All materials provided.

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Southface Energy and Environmental Resource Center

241 Pine Street Atlanta, GA 30308

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 872-3549

FAX:
(404) 872-5009

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
John Fyfe,
Gretchen Gigley

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
Varies

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free tours of Southface

Mission: To promote sustainable building and energy technologies and policies through education, research, and technical assistance.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Resource Materials
- Website: www.southface.org

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Educational Focus: Energy conservation, water conservation, wildlife habitats, clean air, resource conservation

History/Comments: Southface Energy and Environmental Resource Center is a model home exhibiting energy efficiency, indoor air quality, accessibility, resource efficiency, and urban wildlife habitats.

Directions: Located next to Scitrek and the Civic Center in midtown Atlanta on the corner of Piedmont and Pine Street.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 South Milledge Avenue Athens, GA 30605

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission/Purpose: Education, research, and conservation of native plant communities.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Gift Shop
- Accredited teacher training on growing and teaching about wildflowers and endangered plants.

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: Horticulture, botany, environmental education, endangered plants and habitats of Georgia.

History/Comments:

The State Botanical Garden was opened in 1975 by the University of Georgia. The State Botanical Garden is part of the Georgia Endangered Plant Stewardship Network.

Please schedule field trips several months in advance. Restrooms are available in the visitors center. Picnics are allowed on grassy areas and under arbors.

Directions: Athens bypass (Route 10) to the Milledge Avenue exit. Garden is 1 mile south with entrance on the left.

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 542-6158

FAX:
(706) 542-3826

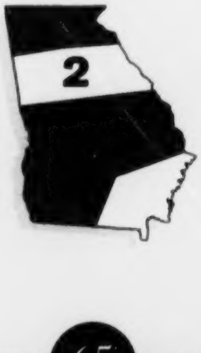
E-MAIL:
ashenk@arches.uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Conservatory:
8:00 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.
Grounds: 7:00 a.m. - Dusk

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Anne Shenk

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
No entry fee;
program fees vary



Sweetwater Creek State Conservation Park

P.O. Box 816 Lithia Springs, GA 30122

COUNTY:
Douglas

PHONE:
(770) 732-5876

FAX:
(770) 732-5874

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Park Office:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Park: 7:00 a.m. -
10:00 p.m.
Trail Area:
7:00 a.m. - Sunset

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Park Naturalist

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-12

PROGRAM COSTS:
No fee for programs or school field trips.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Purpose: Offering the opportunity for people of all ages to broaden their appreciation and understanding of the natural world.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Snake programs on-site (importance of snakes to the ecosystem; venomous vs. non venomous)

Web sites:
msiintegration.com/swp.html
www.gaparks.org
www.dnr.state.ga.us

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: K-5th: Sweetwater's Web of Life (interrelation of nature; nature's role in human survival, hands-on items); History/Nature Hike (history of the mill, lifestyles of its workers, wildlife) 6-12: Nature Hike (non-game wildlife, natural plant communities), History Walk (Civil War history, human impact on the environment). Call for other customized programs.

History/Comments:

The park consists of 2,000 acres of woods, fields, extensive creek frontage and 7 miles of hiking trails. Also, within the parks boundaries are the ruins of the historic 19th century New Manchester Manufacturing Co. textile mill.

Reserve dates for programs well in advance.

Directions: I-20 west from Atlanta, exit # 12 at Thornton Road, turn left and go 1/4 mile. Turn right on Blairs Bridge Road, turn left on Mount Vernon Road and proceed to park.

T.Y.T.O., Inc.

P.O. Box 2012 Cumming, GA 30128

Mission/Purpose: To create an awareness and appreciation of animals and their importance to the ecosystem.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- This is an outreach program only.
- Consultant on exhibits for live animals, nature trails, wildlife care
- Accredited teacher training programs

Educational Focus: Wildlife interactions, endangered species of Georgia, overall wildlife education of Georgia animals and their interactions with humans as well as our dependence upon their biodiversity.

History/Comments: Six year old private outreach company that travels statewide presenting live animal programs. We consult with a variety of organizations such as nature centers on exhibit design for live animals and other wildlife resources. We also offer programs on the physical sciences.

COUNTY:
Forsyth

PHONE:
(404) 219-8339

E-MAIL:
TYTOMark@Hotmail.com

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mark A. Patterson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12, undergraduate and graduate students, general public, resource personnel

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John Tanner State Park

354 Tanner Beach Road Carrollton, GA 30117

COUNTY:
Carroll

PHONE:
(770) 830-2222

FAX:
(770) 830-2223

E-MAIL:
J_tanner@innerx.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Office

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Normally no cost

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To serve the state of Georgia by providing outdoor recreation and education programs.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift shop

Handicap Accessible? Partially. Programs are available for physically or mentally impaired.

Educational Focus: Water, wildlife, and plant adaptations

History/Comments:

John Tanner State Park began as a private park and became part of Georgia State Parks in 1971.

Restrooms and picnic tables are available. Please make reservations six months in advance of programs.

Directions: Six miles west of Carrollton on Highway 16.

Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery

5151 Spring Street Warm Springs, GA 31830

Operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mission/Purpose: Recovery, restoration, and protection of threatened/endangered/imperiled aquatic wildlife and habitat.

Offering:
- Programs
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Newspaper clipping service articles
- Accredited teacher training in Project WILD, Project Learning Tree and Project WET. Works best when the teachers gather a group for training.

Handicap Accessible: Facility: Aquarium, building, and some of the grounds are wheelchair accessible. Programs: large print handouts are available upon request.

Educational Focus: Threatened and endangered aquatic life and resources; wetland habitat, fisheries management.

History/Comments: Hatchery will be celebrating 100 years of operation in 1999. Site has 56 acres of land and ponds to walk as well as a public aquarium.

Visitors are welcome at the hatchery. It is a great site for conducting environmental education activities. Public restrooms, water fountains, picnic tables all on site.

Directions: Located on Highway 41 just outside the town of Warm Springs.

COUNTY:
Meriwether

PHONE:
(706) 655-3382 or -3620

FAX:
(706) 655-9034

HOURS OF OPERATION:
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
7 days a week

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Haile Macurdy

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
None for programs.
There is a charge for teacher training.

Daniel B. Warnell School of Forest Resources

University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602-2152

COUNTY:
Clarke

PHONE:
(706) 542-7412

FAX:
(706) 542-3342

E-MAIL:
kirwin@arches.uga.edu

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Kris Irwin

Operated by the University of Georgia

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Student Outreach Program
- Web site: www.forestry.uga.edu
- Accredited teacher training through the Georgia Environmental Network in Education (GENIE) Institute

Educational Focus: The outreach program brings students from the Warnell School of Forest Resources to Athens area schools, and they work with teachers to deliver a Project Learning Tree or Project WILD activity.

Wastewater Services Citizen Participation Program

55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 5800 Atlanta, GA 30335-3029

Operated by the City of Atlanta

Mission/Purpose: To educate and introduce students to the uses of water and its value as a precious resource.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Enviroscape
- Project WET Teacher Training available

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Water, pollution prevention, erosion protection

History/Comments:

We are presently in the process of developing a youth environmental program called Young Atlantans for the Environment (YAE!). If anyone is interested in being involved, please contact Keshia Johnson at (404) 330-6980, x5431

Directions: Tours of various City of Atlanta facilities are available and presentations can be arranged.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 330-6980

FAX:
(404) 658-7631

E-MAIL:
coa_wws_info
@mindspring.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Flexible

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Keshia Johnson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
3rd grade and above

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Yellow River Game Ranch

4525 Highway 78 Lilburn, GA 30047

COUNTY:
Gwinnett

PHONE:
(770) 972-6643

FAX:
(770) 985-0150

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:30 am. - dusk

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Ruth Letowsky

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-school to adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
$6.00 adults
$5.00 children

Purpose: One-on-one introduction to Georgia Wildlife.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Speakers
- Gift Shop
- Brochure
- Annual Groundhog Day event–Feb 2nd.

Handicap Accessible? Yes.

Educational Focus: Preservation of animals in a safe environment; preservation of rarely seen species such as buffalo.

History/Comments:

The Yellow River Game Ranch is an animal preserve with over 600 animals and birds indigenous to Georgia. The ranch has provided one-on-one experiences for children for over 37 years.

Make group reservations in advance, especially for spring and fall. Restrooms are available.

Directions: Take 285 to Hwy. 78 east. Continue on 78 for 2 1/2 miles past Stone Mountain. Cross Yellow River Bridge. The Ranch is on your left.

Zoo Atlanta

800 Cherokee Avenue Atlanta, GA 30315

Mission: To impart awareness of conservation issues in hope of inspiring others to environmental action by providing engaging, educational and entertaining experiences.

Offering:
- Distance Learning Programs
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Magazine with membership
- Resource Materials
- Outreach programs
- Accredited teacher training
- Teacher Loan Boxes
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: Paved pathways. Handicap accessible restrooms coming soon. Audio Tour throughout the Zoo. A "Braille Trail" is being developed for sight impaired visitors.

Educational Focus: Animal wildlife and habitat information

History/Comments: For 109 years, Zoo Atlanta has played a vital role in creating a better understanding of the diversity of animals and habitats with which we share our planet.

Guided tours, outreach programs, wildlife shows, overnight programs, interactive preschool programs, and scientific animal behavior programs are available for students.

Call at least two weeks in advance to schedule programs. Restrooms are available. Picnic area is available at nearby Grant Park.

Directions: I-75 to I-20 east. Exit on Boulevard. Turn right and go to Ormewood. Turn right into Grant Park where the Zoo is located.

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 624-5600

FAX:
(404) 624-5806

E-MAIL:
zooatl@mindspring.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Until 5:30 on weekends
and during the summer

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Debora Clem

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Varies by program.
Call for brochure.

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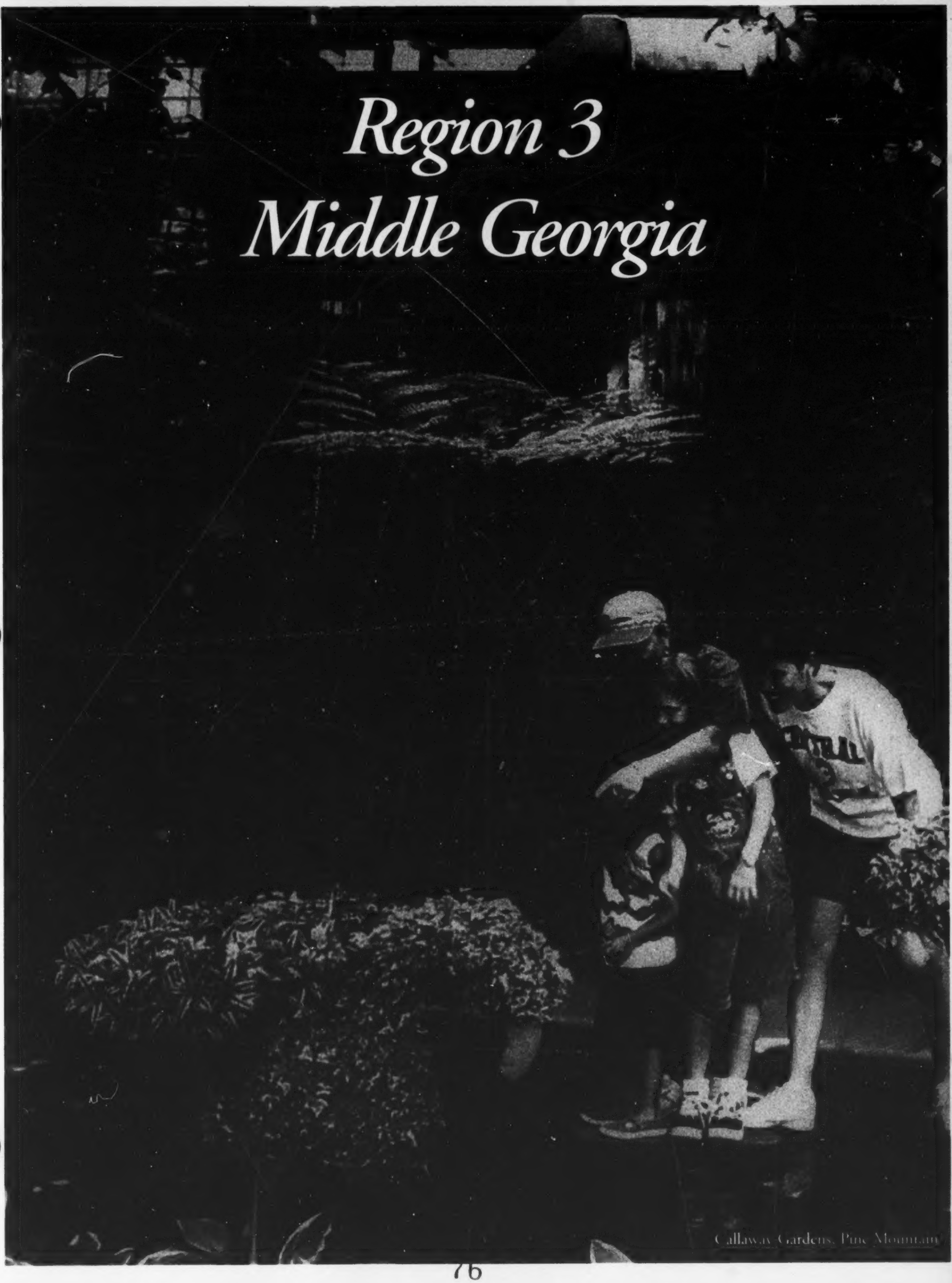
Middle Georgia



Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain

Environmental Education: A Teacher's Perspective

To me, teaching always comes back to the environment. A study of geography, history, or just about any aspect of science can be linked back to environmental issues.

While I was teaching in public elementary school I designed thematic units based on biomes — desert, arctic, wetlands, etc.; each unit included activities exploring the ecosystem itself and environmental principles as well as analysis of human impact and environmental issues. We often used simulations, experiments, and debates to understand the issues. I found that kids were naturally interested in these topics and were often spurred to action, taking learning one step beyond.

In one first grade class we worked with Adopt-a-Stream and a Georgia Tech scientist to clean up a neighborhood creek. In another class a student wrote to Dupont regarding mining near the Okefenokee Swamp and another became a passionate advocate for sea turtles. But book study and simulations are just one aspect of environmental education.

One of my greatest joys is taking city children (I worked in Atlanta Public Schools) out of the city to explore the world around them.We took weekend family trips to the mountains, hiking and camping, and one year we adopted, surveyed and mapped a section of the Chattahoochee National Forest as a community service for the Georgia Conservancy and the National Forest Service. One summer, three students worked with the zoo staff to track golden lion tamarin behavior in preparation for release into the wild.

The most exciting trip, though, was to the rain forest of Colombia with two students (8- and 9-years old) to conduct biodiversity experiments. All of this was done through networking and simple persistence— and it provided experiences of a lifetime.

I now teach 7 students ages 9-13 in my home. We have spent this year studying and stewarding plants with the hopes of eventually being stewards for endangered plants. We take weekly and weekend field trips — to the mountains, rivers, state parks, the Okefenokee Swamp — and this past summer we followed the Lewis and Clark Expedition across the country, experiencing firsthand the diversity of ecosystems in the U.S.

Sharon Bagatell

Howard E. Bennett Forestry Museum

5645 Riggins Mill Road Macon, GA 31020

Operated by the Georgia Forestry Commission

Offering:
- Field Trips

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: Forestry

History/Comments:

Located at the Georgia Forestry Commission headquarters, the museum offers visitors an educational perspective on many facets of forestry. The tour is self-guided although guides are available for groups making reservations.

Directions: Traveling East on Interstate 16: Take Exit #5, Ocmulgee East Blvd/Golden Isles Parkway. Take a left at the light. Go under the interstate and make a right on Joe Tamplin Ind. Blvd. (Note: avoid immediate right which is the West bound exit ramp). Follow Joe Tamplin 2.2 miles. Take a right onto Riggins Mill Road. The Georgia Forestry Commission complex is on the right. Take the second entrance (next to guard house)

Traveling West on Interstate 16: Take Exit #5, Ocmulgee East Blvd/Golden Isles Parkway. At the end of the ramp, immediately make a right U-turn onto Joe Tamplin Ind. Blvd. Follow Joe Tamplin 2.2 miles. Take a right onto Riggins Mill Road. The Georgia Forestry Commission complex is on the right. Take the second entrance (next to guard house)

COUNTY:
Bibb

PHONE:
(912) 751-3530

FAX:
(912) 751-3559

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Local Georgia Forestry
Commission county office
or Information and
Education Department
in Macon
(Deborah Breedlove)

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

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Birdsong Nature Center

2106 Meridian Road Thomasville, GA 31792

COUNTY:
Grady

PHONE:
(912) 377-4408

FAX:
(912) 377-8723

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Kathleen Brady

STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
$4 - $10, depending
on program;
1/2 price for children

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Partially

Educational Focus: Ecology, plants, animals, forestry, conservation, land management, burning, all aspects of nature, etc.

Brown's Mount

4182 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210

Operated by the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences

Mission/Purpose: To provide environmental educational opportunities to the citizens of middle Georgia.

Offering:
- Programs
- Field Trips
- Speakers
- Water-testing kits
- Gift shop (at museum)

Partially handicap accessible (restrooms and short trail)

Educational Focus: Watershed, plate tectonics, plant and animal ecology, conservation, soil formation, swamp ecology.

History/comments: A limestone capped mount above the Ocmulgee flood plain, Brown's Mount is a former homestead, farm, and poet's retreat that has been allowed to return to nature over the past 20 years. 5,500 acre Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge borders property to the west. Programs include swamp.

Picnic tables will be available 3/99. Restrooms are available. School groups must provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice.

Directions: From Macon travel east on I-16 to Exit 5, and then south for 2 mile. Turn right on Bondsview Road and travel .2 miles. Turn left on Joe Brown Drive and travel .4 miles to the left turn into the preserve.

COUNTY:
Southeast Bibb County

PHONE:
(912) 477-3232

FAX:
(912) 477-3251

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Advanced reservations only.
2nd Saturday of the month day hike and night hike

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Ralph Matthews

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to seniors

PROGRAM COSTS:
- *Schools-Free to Bibb County students*
- *$3 to students in other counties*
- *$3 Members*
- *$5 Non-members*

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Callaway Gardens

Education Department, P.O. Box 2000, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

COUNTY:
Harris

PHONE:
(706) 663-5153

FAX:
(706) 663-6720

E-MAIL:
educations@
callawaygardens.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
September - May
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Call for information or application form. Request the Discovery Program Scheduling Guide. No registrations by phone.

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 12

Mission: To create an inspiring place of beauty where quality, service, and education are distinctively integrated with nature.

Offering:

- Guided and Self-guided Discovery programs (field trips).
- Accredited educator workshops

Handicap Accessible: Classrooms are handicap accessible. Most programs are adaptable for special needs students.

Educational Focus: Program topics vary each month.

History/Comments: The beautifully diverse landscape of Callaway Gardens consists of 2,500 acres of managed property illustrating advanced land management procedures and featuring native floral areas, extensive horticultural collections, 13 man-made lakes and nearly 10 miles of scenic trails.

Location in an extensive greenbelt along the northern slope of the Pine Mountain Ridge accounts for an unusual distribution of flora and fauna.

Picnic facilities and restrooms are available.

Directions: Just 30 miles from Columbus. Take I-185 to Georgia 18 or take Highway 27 north from Columbus.

Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center

Box 8058, Statesboro, GA 30460-8058

Operated by the Georgia Southern University

Mission/Purpose: To provide environmental education opportunities, partially focused on native Georgia wildlife, to the children and adults of southeast Georgia.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs: Self-guided and guided tours
- Reptile program
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Gift shop
- Georgia Power "Down to Earth Encounter," a hands-on exhibit with live animals
- Outdoor amphitheater with flighted bird shows
- Hands-on nature programs
- Picnic and program pavilion

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: Just opened in October 1997, this facility offers education on wildlife and its environment/habitat. Education focuses on Georgia and coastal Georgia species and raptors.

History/Comments: 15,000 students, 30,000 total visitors in our first year. Groups up to 120 are easily accommodated. Standard program is very popular, especially the reptile program and flight show, but call education staff to arrange programs to suit your particular needs.

Directions: I-16 to exit #25. Left on Hwy. 301. Located at the Georgia Southern University across from Public Safety on Forest Drive.

COUNTY:
Bulloch

PHONE:
(912) 681-0831

FAX:
(912) 871-1779

E-MAIL:
wdenton@gasou.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. weekends

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Mary Margaret Spradlin

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free

F.D.R. State Park

2970 GA Hwy. 190 East Pine Mountain, GA 31822

COUNTY:
Harris

PHONE:
(706) 663-4858

FAX:
(706) 663-8906
(call before faxing)

E-MAIL:
FDR@Peachnet.
campus.mci.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Park: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Office: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Judy Farrell, Naturalist

STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
$1.00 per student

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible? Partially wheelchair accessible

Educational Focus: Water, fire, air, plant ecology; wildlife programs; guided nature hikes

History/Comments:

FDR State Park is deeply rooted in the historical era of President Roosevelt and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program. FDR is the largest state park in Georgia, with 10,000 acres. Call or write for a brochure detailing interpretive programs and activities. Printed information is available for camping and lodging facilities.

Directions: Located off I-185 near Callaway Gardens, west of Warm Springs on GA Hwy. 190 East, or south of Pine Mountain off U.S. Hwy. 27.

Georgia Southern University Museum

P.O. Box 8061 Statesboro, GA 30460-8061

Mission/Purpose: To interpret both natural and cultural history and implement the academic programs of the university.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Gift Shop
- Accredited teacher training
- Picnic and Program Pavilion

Handicap Accessible: Restrooms and elevator are ADA

Educational Focus: Regional natural history, fossils (including a world class mosasaur), aquariums, Herty Nature Trail featuring local plants.

History/Comments: Georgia Southern University Museum is a teaching museum that hosts quality exhibits on a rotating basis for the enrichment of students and the surrounding community.

Restrooms are available.

Directions: The museum is in the Rosenwald Building on the campus of Georgia Southern University.

COUNTY:
Bulloch

PHONE:
(912) 681-0147 or -5444

FAX:
(912) 681-0729

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on
weekends

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Ms. Cynthia Humphrey

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

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Grand Bay Wetland Education Center

4661 Knights Academy Road Valdosta, GA 31605

COUNTY:
Lowndes

PHONE:
(912) 333-0052

E-MAIL:
nedahon@surfsouth.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Neda Hon

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Workshops: Any teacher in Coastal Plains RESA– No charge. Fee for teachers outside this area.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Coastal Plains RESA

Mission/Purpose: To teach students about natural processes and relationships between plants and animals so they can begin to feel a positive connection with the natural world and their place in caring for the environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Accredited teacher training includes:
  Project WILD, Project WET, and Grand Bayology (an introduction to the facility 3 days)

Educational Focus: Wetland ecology, wildlife, plant identification, air quality, plant adaptations. Programs meet state quality core curriculum standards for K-12.

History/Comments:

Grand Bay is a partnership between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Coastal Plains RESA. Grand Bay offers a 1/2 mile boardwalk, a 54 foot tower and an education center.

Make reservations as early in the school year as possible, as early as the first day of pre-planning.

Directions: Eight miles north of Valdosta on Knights Academy Road on the Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area.

Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park

Route 1, Box 114 Blakely, GA 31723

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To protect and preserve our resources for recreation for the citizens of Georgia

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: All areas of the museum are accessible. Programs are accessible to special needs audiences.

Educational Focus: History of how Native Americans used the environment to live. Strong emphasis on agricultural uses of Native Americans.

History/Comments: Kolomoki offers seven prehistoric Indian mounds and museum. These mounds were constructed between 250 A.D. and 700 A.D.

Temple Mound is over 6 stories tall. Two burial mounds with one that you can walk through are inside the museum. The park offers nature trails, hikes to Mounds, picnic areas, playgrounds, swimming, miniature golf, and two lakes.

Covered picnic tables and restrooms are available.

Directions: Six miles north of Blakely off of U.S. Highway 27

COUNTY:
Early

PHONE:
(912) 723-5296
(912) 723-3398
reservations

FAX:
(912) 723-5338

E-MAIL:
kolomoki@sowega.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Museum open
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday
2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Sundays
Closed Mondays
except holidays.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Billy Adams,
Interpretive Ranger

STUDENT AGES SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
Groups of 15 or more:
.75 per child, ages 6-18
$1.50 for adult groups
.50 for groups ages 4-5
Teacher, groups leaders and bus drivers–free
Regular Admission:
$2.00 per adult
$1.50 per child 6-18
Children 5 or under–free

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Little Ocmulgee State Park

P.O. Box 149, McCrae, GA 31055

COUNTY:
Wheeler

PHONE:
(912) 868-7474

FAX:
(912) 868-3007

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Rodney Horne

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- Programs
- Gift shop

Handicap Accessible? Yes.

Educational Focus: Trail guides that provide information on educational points of the park are available.

History/Comments:

Little Ocmulgee was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Nature trails, a lake, and mini golf are available to visitors.

Directions: Hwy. 441 2 miles north of McCrae

Ocmulgee National Monument

1207 Emery Highway Macon, GA 31201

Operated by the U.S. National Park Service

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs

Handicap Accessible: Partially

History/Comments: Ocmulgee National Monument is a memorial to the antiquity of people in Southeastern North America. From Ice Age hunters to the Creek Indians of historic times, there is evidence of at least 10,000 years of human habitation.

Directions: From I-75 exit onto I-16. Take Exit 4; turn left on U.S. 80 (Coliseum Drive); then turn right and follow U.S. 80 (Emery Highway) a mile to the park.

COUNTY:
Bibb

PHONE:
(912) 752-8257

FAX:
(912) 752-8259

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Sylvia Flowers

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
3rd grade and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
Call for costs

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center

3491 South Lumpkin Road Columbus, GA 31903

COUNTY:
Muscogee

PHONE:
(706) 687-4090

FAX:
(706) 687-3020

E-MAIL:
champion_becky@ colstate.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (winter), 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (after day light savings); Sundays: 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m. (winter), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Closed Mondays

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Dr. Becky Champion, Andell Sawdo, Susan McCollum, Carmen Martin, or Denise Morris

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
$2.50 per student

Operated by Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31907

Mission/Purpose: To use watershed and environmental education to instill an environmental conscience in people in the Middle Chattahoochee Region and other visitors to the Oxbow Center.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Limited gift shop
- Picnic benches available.
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Building is handicap accessible; trails partially accessible

Educational Focus: Water and wetland environments, native flora and fauna, honey bees, turtles of the middle Chattahoochee. Programs are grade specific and can be modified to fit the K-12 curriculum.

History/Comments:

Oxbow Meadows is located on an oxbow bend of the Chattahoochee River, one of the oldest inhabited river basins in eastern North America. Oxbow Meadows was conceived in response to a 1990 Georgia law requiring cities with combined sewer overflow (CSO) facilities to bring them into compliance with water quality standards. Issued with this challenge, government and civic leaders united to creatively address this issue. They proposed covering the interceptor lines for the new CSO facility with the Columbus Riverwalk and the construction of Oxbow Meadows at the terminus.

Oxbow is in a 1,600-acre hardwood wetland and is within walking distance of the Chattahoochee River. Numerous ponds and wetland environments are used for educational activities.

Restrooms are available. Schedule at least a week in advance. First come first serve basis.

Directions: Take I-85 south through Columbus. Pass exits 1N and 1S, and enter Fort Benning on I-185. Exit on Custer Road (the first exit once you pass the stone entrance that is on the side of I-185). Turn right onto Custer Road at the end of the exit ramp. Continue on Custer Road across Benning Blvd. at the light. Custer will dead-end into South Lumpkin. Turn right and Oxbow Meadows entrance is half-mile on left.

The Parks at Chehaw

105 Chehaw Park Road Albany, GA 31701

Operated by the Chehaw Park Authority

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- website: www.chehaw@surfsouth.com
- Accredited teacher training
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: Restroom and trails handicap accessible. Special needs programs are available by request; tailored to the needs of the group.

Educational Focus: All aspects of the environment, especially animals and Native American skills.

History/Comments: This resource provides 800 acres that include 7 ecosystems, nature trails, camping, picnic facilities, bike trails, an AZA accredited wild animal park, playground, and train ride. Education focuses on animals and Native American culture.

Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available.

Directions: Highway 91 North from Albany.

COUNTY:
Dougherty

PHONE:
(912) 430-5275

FAX:
(912) 430-3035

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Don Dally or
Ben Kirkland

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
General admission:
$2 per car,
$5 per bus
Wild Animal Park:
$2 per adult (12 and up),
$1 for children,
seniors, and military
Call for program costs

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Providence Canyon State Conservation Park

Route 1, Box 158 Lumpkin, GA 31815

COUNTY:
Stewart

PHONE:
(912) 838-6202

FAX:
(912) 838-6735

E-MAIL:
pcspdnr@sowega.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. year round
Park open 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. September 15 - April 14 and until 9:00 p.m. April 15 - September 14

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Sherry Stephens and Joy Joyner

STUDENT GRADE/AGES SERVED:
K - 16 years

PROGRAM COSTS:
No cost to school groups

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission/Purpose: To protect the canyons and educate the public.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Gift Shop

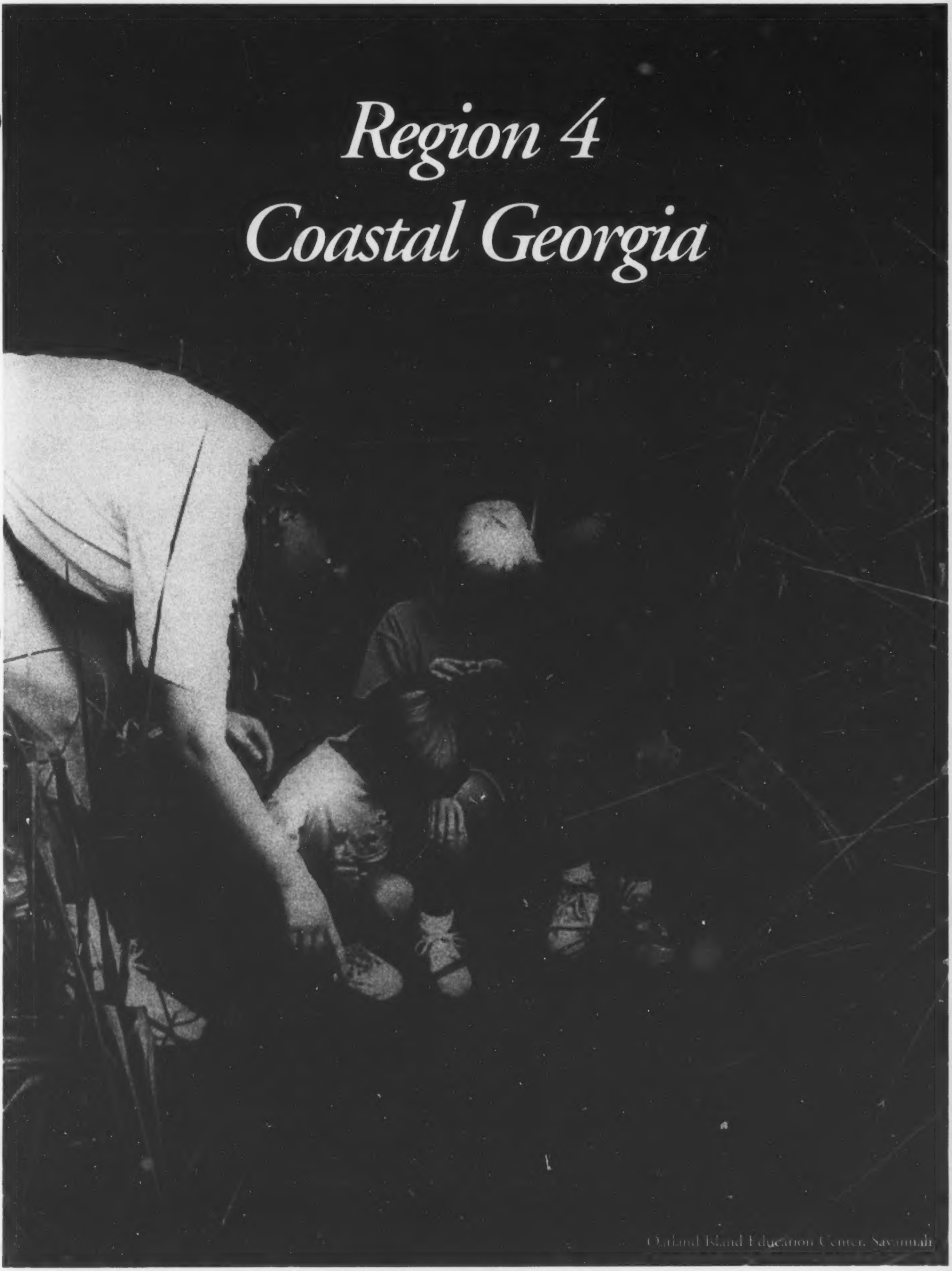
Educational Focus: Soil erosion, also rare plants, Plumleaf Azalea and Big leaf Magnolia

History/Comments: Erosion due to poor farming practices in the 1800's has led to canyons 150 feet deep. We have guided hikes available to school groups. Call the park to schedule a hike.

Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available.

Directions: Seven miles west of Lumpkin, Georgia on Highway 39C.

Region 4
Coastal Georgia



Oatland Island Education Center, Savannah

Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens

2 Canebrake Road Savannah, GA 31419

COUNTY:
Chatham

PHONE:
(912) 921-5460

FAX:
(912) 921-5890

E-MAIL:
coastal@arches.uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday
Closed Sunday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Sarah Query

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Kindergarten - Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
"Roots and Shoots"
program costs
$2.50 per student

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission: To serve as an education and research resource for coastal Georgia.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs vary per school grades, i.e., Plants and Food, Food Spoilage are available for pre-K to Grade 1, Soil composition and Plant interactions for Grade 9 - Adult
- Roots and Shoots Programs meet Chatham County QCC standards.
- Special programs are available upon request. Price varies with needs.
- Newsletter
- Gift shop available upon request.

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Our "Roots and Shoots" program, operated by the Chatham County Extension Service and local Master Gardeners, focuses on horticulture and botany.

History/Comments:

Formerly a USDA Plant Introduction Station (known locally as the Bamboo Farm), today the Bamboo Farm houses an internationally known collection of oriental bamboo as well as rare and historic plants. Seasonal displays of regionally adapted plants are also available.

Directions: From I-95, take Hwy 204 East to Highway 17 exit (Coastal Highway). Travel South for approximately 1 mile. The Bamboo Farm is at the junction of Hwy 17 and Canebrake Road.

Coastal Encounters Nature Center

P.O. Box 21243 St. Simon's Island, Ga 31522-0743

Mission: To promote appreciation and conservation of coastal ecosystems through "hands-on" environmental education.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Outreach Programs
- Aquarium touch tanks
- Gift Shop
- Summer Science Camp
- Kayak Explorations
- "Day Boat" Study Excursions
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: We adopt a holistic approach in all of our classes; there is no separation of resources. Programs meet all of Georgia's Quality Core Curriculum standards for Science/Biology.

Programs include: Beach Scavenger Hunt, Astronomy, Mud Puddles and Marsh Grass, Life at the Beach, The Exploring Scientist, Barrier Island Geology, Environmental Issues/Development, "Fouling Lab" or Dock Studies, Diorama of the Marsh, Nature Art Classes.

Outreach Programs include: "The Visiting Biologist," "Water, Water Everywhere," also programs on marine invertebrates, sea turtles, marine debris, reptiles, birds, endangered species.

History/Comments:

Coastal Encounters has 2 "centers," one on Jekyll and the other on St. Simon's Island. The St. Simons facility is hugged by the Atlantic Ocean, sand dunes and beautiful salt marshes. The Jekyll Island facility, located on a 17 acre salt pond, is bordered by salt marshes and the Intracoastal Waterway to the west, and the maritime forest and sea to the east.

Directions: Jekyll: I-95 to Jekyll Island (exit 6 or 7). Take Hwy. 17 to the island. There are signs to the center.
St. Simon's: Take Hwy 17 to St. Simon's Island. Stay on Demere Road, then left onto East Beach Causeway, then straight to Nature Center.

COUNTY:
Glynn

PHONE:
(912) 638-0221 or
(912) 635-9102

FAX:
(912) 638-0598

E-MAIL:
coastalkids@
www.technonet.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Jekyll Island: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday, year round

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Cathy Tobler

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
Varies. Please call for more information.

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Cumberland Island National Seashore

P.O. Box 806, St. Marys, GA 31558

COUNTY:
Camden

PHONE:
Field Trips:
(912) 882-4335
Julia Celebi for teacher training: (912) 287-2094

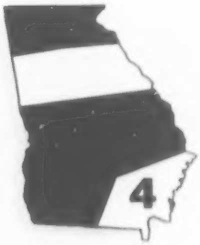
FAX:
(912) 673-7747

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Only upon reservation

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Field Trips:
Environmental Educator
Teacher training:
Julia Celebi

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Field Trips: $6.05 ferry, children 12 and under, $10.17 for adults
Day use fee: $4.00/person



Operated by the U.S. National Park Service

Mission: To preserve the scenic, scientific, and historical values of the largest and most southerly island off the coast of Georgia.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Book store at Visitor's Center
- Web site: www.nps.gov/htdocs1/cuis/index.htm
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Partially

Educational Focus: Barrier island ecology, geological formation, human impact, cultural history.

History/Comments:

Cumberland Island is an undeveloped barrier island and has been a national seashore since 1972. The island is 17.2 miles long and features marsh, mud flats, and tidal creeks. This unspoiled environment, once prevalent on all the barrier islands, provides a unique opportunity to experience the flora and fauna of a natural coastal ecosystem. Reservations are required. Plan to reserve space several months in advance.

Accredited teacher training in barrier island ecology is offered by Magnolia Midlands GYSTC. $75 for this 3 day course covers housing, food, ferry fees.

Restrooms at Visitor's Center and various locations on southern portion of island. Uncovered picnic tables are available on the island.

Directions: I-95 to S.R. 40. Take S.R. 40 to St. Marys and follow signs to the Park Service Visitor's Center.

Driftwood Nature Center

P.O. Box 20712, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Purpose: To provide hands-on coastal ecology programs to school groups throughout the southeast U.S.

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs for up to 150 students

Handicap Accessible? Partially. Call for details about special needs programs.

Educational Focus: Marine biology based environmental education designed around the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC).

History/Comments:

Call several months in advance for reservations.

Directions: I-95 to exit #8 to St. Simon's Island. Located at the Epworth Methodist Center.

COUNTY:
Glynn

PHONE:
(912) 638-3849

FAX:
(912) 634-0642

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Residential student program: Sept. - May
Teacher workshops during summer months

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Jennifer Cox
Program Coordinator

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
$65 per child/adult for 2 1/2 day program

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Stephen C. Foster State Park

Route 1, Box 131, Fargo, GA 31631

COUNTY:
Charlton

PHONE:
(912) 637-5274

FAX:
(912) 637-5587

HOURS OF OPERATION:
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday through Sunday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Sue Williams
(Naturalist)
Jackie Clay
(Parks Interpretive Ranger)

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to College

PROGRAM COSTS:
Boat Tours: $6/person
Other programs, minimum $15/group up to 15 people
Over 15 people, $15 plus 50 cents for Pre-K–6
$1 for 6-12th grade
$1.50 for college

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To give knowledge of wildlife and history as it pertains to the Okefenokee Swamp.

Offering:
- Programs
- Visit includes a boat tour, educational program, and a nature trail hike
- Guided Pontoon boat tours
- 1.5 mile boardwalk nature trail
- Boat rentals—canoes and johnboats
- Cottages
- Campground
- Project WET
- Museum
- Interpretive Center for indoor programs
- Gift shop

Handicap Accessible: Cabins, restrooms, museum, interpretive center, boardwalk, pontoon boats are all handicap accessible. Programs are tailored to individuals with special needs. Call to discuss customized programming at least 3 weeks in advance.

Educational Focus: Alligators, snakes, history of the swamp, birds, bears, wetland ecologies (wildlife and plants), etc.

History/Comments: This resource is full of wildlife and features an Indian burial mound. Visitors learn about the history of the swamp, and the native wildlife including alligators, snakes, birds, and bears. Swamp has been populated since about 2,000 B.C. Most of the historical focus of programs is on "swampers" who lived in the swamp from the mid 1800s to the mid 1900s. Logging that occurred in the early 1900s is also discussed.

Covered picnic tables and grills are available.

Directions: 441 to Stephen C. Foster State Park sign. Turn at sign onto Highway 177 and continue for 17 miles, where the road ends at the park.

Jekyll Island 4-H Center

201 South Beachview Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission/Purpose: Expand the classroom walls using Georgia's unique barrier island environments.

Offering:
- Field studies
- Educational programs focusing on coastal biology
- Residential programming
- Teacher workshops

Handicap Accessible? Yes

Educational Focus: In complete compliance with state curriculum standards, no class time is lost as students study local environments. Activities are "hands-on" and incorporate science, math, social studies, language arts and history in a small group setting.

History/Comments:

Built as a motel in 1959, the site became a 4-H facility in 1983. The environmental education program started in 1987 and now reaches over 10,000 students from 5 states and 60 counties in Georgia. Originally built as a motel in 1959, the site became a 4-H facility in 1983. The environmental education program started in 1987, and now reaches over 10,000 students from five states and 60 counties in Georgia.

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 6 to 17N and follow signs to Jekyll Island.

COUNTY:
Glynn

PHONE:
(912) 635-4117

FAX:
(912) 635-4135

E-MAIL:
donnast@arches.uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Residential:
September - May

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Donna Stewart
Education
Program Specialist

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-12 and adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
3 day/2 night: $69 per person 5 day/4 night: $123 per person (current prices in 1998-99)

Oatland Island Education Center

711 Sandtown Road Savannah, GA 31410

COUNTY:
Chatham

PHONE:
(912) 897-3773

FAX:
(912) 898-7402

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Harris K. Lentini

STUDENT GRADE/AGES SERVED:
Pre-K to Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
$5.00/student for most programs
$3.00/students from Chatham County

Operated by the Savannah-Chatham County School System

Mission: To equip students, teachers, and the general public with the knowledge and increased awareness necessary to develop attitudes that enable them to make life style changes which enhance and preserve the natural environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Other: Birthday parties, facilities/room rental, and full summer camp programs
- Accredited teacher training
- Gift Shop

Educational Focus: Ecology, tidal creeks, salt marsh, endangered species, wetlands, astronomy

History/Comments: Twenty five years serving southeast regional students. Located on marsh island, the Center maintains a collection of animals native to Georgia, nature trails, an 1800 "Heritage Homesite," special garden areas, 525 foot marsh boardwalk, and marine laboratory, all used for instructional programs.

Directions: Located on Sandtown Road off the Islands Expressway.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Route 2, Box 3330 Folkston, GA 31537

Operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mission/Purpose: To protect and manage the plants and animals native to the Okefenokee.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Resource Materials
- Gift shop
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible? Yes.

Educational Focus: Endangered species, wetlands, wildlife management, air and water quality, adaptations, early human use of the resource

History/Comments:

Okefenokee is a huge wilderness and wetland — it's recognized as a Wetland of International Importance, is home to hundreds of plant and animal species, and is part of the national wildlife refuge system.

Waiver letters for entrance fees must be received at least 2 weeks in advance. Restrooms and covered picnic tables available.

Directions: East entrance — off Hwy. 121/23, 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA.

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COUNTY:
Charlton

PHONE:
(912) 496-7836

FAX:
(912) 496-3332

E-MAIL:
R4RW_GA.OKF
@FWS.GOV

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Varies by season

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Visitor Center staff

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-school to elders

PROGRAM COSTS:
Entrance fees can be waived for educational groups – call for details

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Okefenokee Swamp Park

5700 Okefenokee Swamp Park Road Waycross, GA 31501

COUNTY:
Ware

PHONE:
(912) 283-0583

FAX:
(912) 283-0023

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
7 days a week

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Martin Bell, General Manager

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
Call for costs.
Special group rates available.

Offering:

- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Website: www.okeswamp.com
- Daily Food Service–call for costs, special group rates available
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible: Every exhibit is wheelchair accessible except boats and tower.

Educational Focus: Swamp, plant, and animal life; swamp ecology.

History/Comments: Okefenokee Swamp Park is a convenient point of entry to the Okefenokee Swamp. The lily-decked water trails lead to all points in this vast wilderness of islands, lakes, jungles, forest and prairies.

Featuring interpretive exhibits, lectures, wildlife shows, boat tours on original Indian Waterways, wilderness walkways, Pioneer Island, native animals in their own habitat.

Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available.

Directions: U.S. 1 south of Waycross.

Sapelo Island Visitor's Center

Route 1, Box 1500 Darien, GA 31305

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Offering:
- 4 hour Island Tour
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible? All restrooms are in ADA compliance. The tour bus has a wheelchair lift and will hold 2-3 chairs. Call to discuss programming for special needs groups.

Educational Focus: Regular Tour: History and culture — Long Tabby, old plantation and sugar mill ruins, Hog Hammock community, Reynolds Mansion or Lighthouse, and ecological aspects. Customized programs cover dune systems, beach, maritime forest, etc.

History/Comments:

Sapelo Island has a rich natural and cultural history from Native American, plantation/slavery era, and previous owners Howard Coffin and R.J. Reynolds, to the current UGA research efforts on the island.

Restrooms and picnic tables are available at the Visitor's Center. Camping is available on the island.

Directions: Take I-95 to exit 11. Travel east on Highway 99, go 9.1 miles to Landing Road (in Meridian). Turn left and proceed to Sapelo Island Visitors Center.

COUNTY:
McIntosh

PHONE:
(912) 437-3224 (Education Coordinator for tours)
(912) 485-2251 (Island Office)

FAX:
(912) 437-5526

E-MAIL:
Sapelovc@Darientel.net

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Tours are limited to a few days per week and days change per season. Please call for details.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Bill Merriman, Manager (Visitor's Center)
Michelle Aldenderfer, Education Coordinator

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
3rd grade and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
$10.00 adults, $6.00 for children 6 - 18 years, Free for children 5 years and under

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Skidaway Island State Park

52 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, GA 31411

COUNTY:
Chatham

PHONE:
(912) 598-2300

FAX:
(912) 598-2365

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Park: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-12

PROGRAM COSTS:
No cost for all programs regularly scheduled. $2 per car parking pass. No charge to school buses coming for planned program.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission/Purpose: To protect and preserve and manage this site for interpretation and recreation.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Nature Trail
- Gift Shop

Handicap Accessible? Facility has ADA accessible bathrooms, office, interpretive center, picnic area, and campground. The 1 mile Sandpiper Trail is ADA accessible to motorized or pushed wheel chairs.

Educational Focus: Programs are geared to age groups and areas of study. Regular programs include interpretation of one or three mile trails and Georgia's Protected Reptile Programs (video ALIVE is used). Special programs include astronomy viewing, birding, island history, Native American, Archaeology, and African American programs, Georgia history

History/Comments:

Skidaway Island State Park is a 533 acre inland "barrier island" characterized by higher land in the central portion surrounded by marshland and estuaries. Tidal estuaries, salt marshland & mature forest stands characterize most of the site.

Restrooms and covered picnic tables are available at this site.

Directions: 6 miles S.E. of Savannah on Diamond Causeway.

Tybee Island 4-H Center

9 Lewis Avenue P.O. Box 1477 Tybee Island, GA 31328

Operated by the University of Georgia

Purpose: Utilize marine/coastal environment as a dynamic, living laboratory for learning.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs
- Speakers
- Accredited teacher training

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Educational Focus: Marine/coastal education. Classes are hands-on academic and interdisciplinary and are in compliance with the state curriculum standards.

History/Comments: Fifty-two years old with last 10 years doing marine education. We are considered an "in school" field study. No classroom time is lost.

Directions: Take U.S. 80 to Tybee Island. Go through first stoplight and make first right on Lewis Avenue. Go all the way to end of Lewis.

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COUNTY:
Chatham

PHONE:
(912) 786-5534

FAX:
(912) 786-9814

E-MAIL:
tybee4h@uga.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Residential

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Erik Thompson

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - College

PROGRAM COSTS:
3 day/2 night–$69 per person (incudes 7 meals)

University of Georgia Marine Extension Service Education Unit

30 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411

COUNTY:
Chatham

PHONE:
(912) 598-2496
FAX:
(912) 598-2302
E-MAIL:
lindsaya@arches.UGA.edu

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Public Aquarium: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Anne Lindsay

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 12, College, Elderhostel, Graduate students. Public visitation also.

PROGRAM COSTS:
$1 admission to Public Aquarium; $3/student for K-4 day programs; Half day and whole day programs as well as overnight accommodation vary in cost.

Operated by the University of Georgia

Mission/Purpose: To help foster a sense of stewardship for the marine environment through education programs that focus on coastal Georgia's various ecosystems.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- On-site dormitory housing and "Sea Dawg" research vessel.
- Public (self-guided) aquarium
- Nature Trails
- Educational Sales Shop
- A 10 hour graduate course in Marine Science is available for teachers.

Handicap Accessible? Ground floor classrooms are wheelchair accessible and there is a lift in the aquarium. We endeavor to adapt day programs to suit special needs or visiting groups.

Educational Focus: Coastal systems of Georgia. Marine Biology and coastal ecology.

History/Comments:

UGA MAREX has operated marine-related environmental education programs since the early 1970's. We offer formal education programs that focus on coastal Georgia's various ecosystems — estuaries, barrier islands, and offshore waters. This is the only public aquarium on the Georgia Coast.

Restrooms and picnic tables are available at this site.

Directions: Located on Skidaway Island, just outside Savannah. Accessible by Highway 204 to Waters Avenue (Spur 204).

Statewide Resources

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia

Our Mission: The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia (EEA) is a self-governed, nonprofit organization that promotes communication and education among professionals in the field of environmental education in Georgia. The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia is an affiliate of the North American Association for Environmental Education.

Our Projects: • Development and distribution of *The Georgia Environmental Education Teacher Resource Guide* • Development of a statewide certification program for environmental educators • Partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on the Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) curriculum and teacher training program • Partnership with the Outdoor Classroom Council on an annual symposium for teachers, parents and principals • Partnership with the Georgia Department of Education on the Outdoor Classroom Grants program

Our Members: Our members are environmental education professionals - nature center/museum staff, outdoor interpreters, state and federal employees, parks and recreation employees, corporate outreach employees, teachers, students, and other professionals that wish to support environmental education in Georgia.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Membership Benefits:
• Networking–Opportunities to share ideas with other environmental education professionals. • *The Link*, EEA's Newsletter, which provides information on educational resources, training opportunities, legislative issues/updates, organizational news of interest and grant resources.
• Conferences–Weekend-long professional development opportunities offered once or twice per year which include keynote speakers, panel discussions, concurrent sessions, creative workshops, and field trips. • Workshops–One day professional development opportunities designed to train Georgia's environmental educators in effective means for administration and interpretation.

Memberships:
Individual Memberships ($15/year) are affordable to allow independent professionals and students the same access to member benefits as organizations.

Organizational Memberships ($50/year) includes benefits for up to five people working for an organization.

Corporate Memberships ($100/year) are available to companies with goals to promote environmental education in Georgia. The corporate membership includes benefits for up to five people working for a corporation.

For more information find us on the web at:
eealliance@netdepot.org

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please Make Checks Payable To: the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia–mail with this form to Elachee Nature Science Center, 2135 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA 30504

Name(s) ______________________
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Affiliation ______________________

Address ______________________

City ______________________

State ______ **ZIP** ____________

If available, list web site address ______________________

Membership Category:
- ☐ **Individual $15**
- ☐ **Organization $50***
- ☐ **Corporate $100***

***Please Note: Organizations & Businesses can list up to five representatives to receive EEA mailings and information.**

Please check the categories of your affiliation so that we may serve you better:
- ☐ **Community Outreach**
- ☐ **Formal Education, Pre-K - 6**
- ☐ **Environmental Education Center**
- ☐ **Government Agency**
- ☐ **Formal Education, 7 - 12**
- ☐ **Business and/or Industry**
- ☐ **Private and/or Non-Profit**
- ☐ **Formal Post Secondary Education**

Member NAAEE ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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GYSTC Regional Locations

STATE OFFICE

PHONE:
(770) 528-4978

WEB-SITE:
www.spsu.edu/gystc

The Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers, Inc. is designed to promote interest and enthusiasm in science and the technologies, particularly among elementary and middle school teachers and students. The organization is affiliated with Southern Polytechnic State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia. There are currently sixteen (16) regional centers across the state, serving 115 schools systems.

For teachers, the centers offer staff development courses and workshops with hands-on activities for use in science, technology and related classrooms. Each center has a computer demonstration laboratory which may be used for the follow-up training after a visit to one of the Department of Education technology centers. Teachers may also use the center as a resource for current program information being developed across the state and country.

For students, the regional centers sponsor science and space camps and exciting weekend and after-school programs. Programs of "Fun Physics,""Model Rocketry,""Junior Scientist Summer Camps" and others are targeted to provide activities which are both fun and educational.

Chattahoochee-Flint GYSTC at South Georgia Technical Institute, Americus (912) 931-2863
Regional Coordinator: Betty Smith
Serves: Fort Benning, Southland Academy and Chattahoochee Schools; Clay, Crisp, Macon, Marion, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster, Quitman County Schools

Etowah GYSTC at Heritage Hall Community Campus, Floyd College, Rome (706) 802-5322
Regional Coordinator: Jane Pape
Serves: Rome, Trion City Schools, and St. Mary's Schools; Chattooga and Polk Co. Schools

Flint River Valley GYSTC at Darton College, Albany (912) 430-6826
Regional Coordinator: Steve Rainey
Serves: Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, Worth County Schools

Gordon GYSTC at Lamar County School System, Milner (770) 358-4594
Regional Coordinator: Rhonda Toon
Serves: Butts, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Thomaston-Upson County Schools

GYSTC at Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins (912) 926-6398
Regional Coordinator: Melissa Spalding
Serves: Crawford, Dooly, Houston, Pulaski, Twiggs County Schools; Robins Air Force Base and Sacred Heart Schools

GYSTC at Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta (770) 528-4978
Serves: Cobb County and Marietta City Schools; teachers statewide through the NASA Educator Resource Center

GYSTC Regional Locations (continued)

Heart of Georgia YSTC at Heart of Georgia RESA, Eastman
(912) 374-2240 x114
Regional Coordinator: Ron Bryant
Serves: Dublin City and Bleckley Schools; Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox Co. Schools

Magnolia Midlands GYSTC at East Georgia College, Swainsboro
(912) 289-2094
Serves: Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs County Schools; Bulloch Academy, Robert Toombs Academy and Vidalia City Schools

Metro Atlanta GYSTC at SciTrek (404) 589-8008
Regional Coordinator: Ed Anderson
Serves: Fulton and DeKalb County Schools; Atlanta Public Schools and the Department of Juvenile Justice

Northeast GYSTC at Piedmont College, Demorest (706) 778-8500, x195
Regional Coordinator: Laine McGarity
Serves: Banks, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White County Schools

North Georgia Mountains YSTC at Dalton State College, Dalton
(706) 272-2493
Regional Coordinator: Jane Pape
Serves: Dalton City Schools; Catoosa, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, and Whitfield County Schools

Oconee River GYSTC at Northeast Georgia RESA, Winterville
(706) 742-8272
Regional Coordinator: Deborah Riddleberger
Serves: Commerce, Jefferson, and Social Circle City Schools; Barrow, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton County Schools

Okefenokee GYSTC at Ware Co. School System, Waycross
(912) 287-2200
Regional Coordinator: Mark Mooneyhan
Serves: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Pierce and Ware County Schools

Shenandoah GYSTC at Shenandoah Environment and Education Center, Newnan (770) 253-4632
Regional Coordinator: Cathy Wright
Serves: Coweta, Harris, Heard and Meriwether County Schools

Southwest GYSTC at Bainbridge College, Bainbridge (912) 248-3933
Regional Coordinator: Donna McGlincy
Serves: Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Miller, Mitchell, and Seminole County Schools

West GYSTC at State University of West Georgia, Carrollton
(770) 830-2347
Regional Coordinator: Lance Jones
Serves: Bremen and Carrollton City Schools; Carroll, Douglas, Haralson, and Paulding County Schools

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and Wetland

7 MLK Drive, Suite 643 Environmental Protection Division Atlanta, GA

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 656-0069
(404) 656-0099

FAX:
(404) 657-7031

E-MAILS:
michele_droszcz@
mail.dnr.state.ga.us
harold_harbert@
mail.dnr.state.ga.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Michele Droszcz
Harold Harbert

STUDENT AGE SERVED:
All ages

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To educate citizens about water quality and non-point source pollution.

Offering:
- Manuals
  - Teacher Guide
  - Technical manuals for stream, lake, and wetlands
- Technical Advice on water quality regarding chemistry and biology
- Citizen/student training (monitoring activities)
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials

Educational Focus: Water, streams, wetlands, lakes, watersheds

History/Comments: Georgia's Adopt a Stream is within the Water Protection Branch of Georgia Environmental Protection Division. We train citizens to monitor their local streams, lakes, and wetlands. Trainings held throughout the state (there are five regional training centers).

Georgia Agriculture in the Classroom Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 7068 Macon, GA 31209-7068

Coordinated through the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation

Mission/Purpose: To encourage more effective teaching about agriculture and its role in an interdependent society, and to assist Georgia's educators in implementing the instruction of agriculture-related concepts in the classroom.

Offering:

- Field Trips (as part of SDU or as requested)
- Programs (SDU and inservice)
- Speakers
- Newsletter (for teachers attending teacher training)
- Resource Materials with training
- This is an accredited teacher training program

Educational Focus: We teach students about the sources of their food and fiber, but also about advances in science which enable us to increase food production while enhancing the environment, and the responsibility our agriculturalists take on as stewards of the earth.

History/Comments:

Ag in the Classroom was initiated on the national level in 1981 to assist teachers in using agriculture as a tool for teaching as well as bringing agricultural literacy to all students. Each state designs its own program according to the needs of its school systems. The curriculum, which forms the foundation of the program, is interdisciplinary and there are a wide range of resources available for educators. Ag in the Classroom connects teachers with community resources such as county Farm Bureau, Extension Services, and Forestry.

Please make reservations 30 days in advance.

COUNTY:
Bibb

PHONE:
(912) 474-8411

FAX:
(912) 474-8750

E-MAIL:
dhreynolds@gfb.org

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Donna H. Reynolds,
Program Specialist,
Field Services Dept.

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Focus on Pre-K - 8th grade with support for 9-12 and post-secondary

PROGRAM COSTS:
No charge for training or materials

The Georgia Conservancy

1776 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 400 South Atlanta, GA 30309

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 876-2900

FAX:
(404) 872-9229

E-MAIL:
mail@gaconservancy.org

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Eric Lindberg

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
K - 12 and Adults

PROGRAM COSTS:
Earth Lab modules that are currently available are FREE (shipping and handling is charged if mailed). Teacher training costs vary, and scholarships are often available.

Mission/Purpose: Established in 1967, The Georgia Conservancy is a non-profit organization of people dedicated to the responsible stewardship of Georgia's vital natural resources. We strive to balance the demands of social and economic progress with our commitment to protect the environment.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- All programs are outreach
- Website: www.gaconservancy.org
- Accredited teacher training

Educational Focus: Air, water, natural areas, and the human activities that affect them.

History/Comments: The Georgia Conservancy offers the Coca-Cola Earth Lab Modules, a set of 9 environmental education curricula and teaching materials. Topics of the modules are: fresh and flowing waters, endangered animals, backyard habitats, oceans, wetlands, energy, recycling, species populations, and native plants and animals.

Workshops, training, and events are held at various sites around the state.

Georgia Project Learning Tree (PLT)

c/o The Georgia Forestry Association, Inc.
500 Pinnacle Court, Suite 505, Norcross, GA 30071

Operated by the American Forest Foundation

Mission/Purpose: Increase student understanding of our environment; stimulate students' critical and creative thinking; develop students' ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues; and instill in students the confidence and commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- This is an accredited teacher training program.
- Website: www.gaplt.org

Educational Focus: Broad based environmental issues. Staff Development Units (SDU) are available. The PLT curriculum is thematic and multi-disciplinary, designed to promote student achievement and is correlated to the National Science Education Standards and to the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum in science, language arts, social studies and mathematics. PLT activities can take place indoors or outdoors, require little preparation, and are readily adaptable for urban, rural, and suburban settings.

History/Comments: Operating in Georgia since 1987; over 10,000 educators trained statewide. Georgia PLT is sponsored by the Georgia Forestry Association, the Georgia Forestry Commission, and the University of Georgia Daniel B. Warnell School of Forest Resources

Based in Norcross and Macon; however, will do site-based programs at other locations.

COUNTY:
Gwinnett

PHONE:
(770) 416-7621 (Norcross)
1-800-GA TREES (Macon)

FAX:
(770) 840-8961

E-MAIL:
georgiaplt@aol.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Office:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Richard E. Osorio (Norcross)
Sharon Dolliver (Macon)

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
Pre-K to 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
$8 for 6 hour Educator workshop; $50 for 2 day Facilitator workshop

Georgia Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)

7 MLK Drive, Suite 643 Georgia Department of Natural Resources Atlanta, GA 30334

COUNTY:
Fulton

PHONE:
(404) 651-9998

FAX:
(404) 657-7031

E-MAIL:
Petey_Giroux@
mail.dnr.state.ga.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Petey Giroux

STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
K - Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
$10 - $25

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission: To facilitate and promote the awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources through the development and dissemination of classroom-ready teaching aids and the establishment of state & internationally sponsored Project WET programs.

Offering:
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- River of Words Project (Art and Poetry Contest)
- Certification for teachers available for Educator and Facilitator Workshops
- Project WET Teacher of the Year Award

Special Needs: Lessons are for all students K-12 including special needs audiences.

Educational Focus: Water

History/Comments: The Project WET curriculum and Activity Guide for K-12 formal and non-formal educators is a collection of over 90 innovative, interdisciplinary activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun!

Designed with a commitment to state and national standards, The Guide addresses multiple content areas including the unique physical and chemical characteristics of water, and how water connects all Earth systems.

Georgia Project WILD

543 Elliott Trail Mansfield, GA 30055

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission/Purpose: To assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment to result in informed decisions, responsible behavior, and constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment upon which all life depends.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- All training is for teachers and youth workers. Teacher certification (SDU's) are given for the advanced Project WILD workshops.

Educational Focus: Wildlife, environment, and conservation

History/Comments:

Co-sponsored by the Council for Environmental Education and Western Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies. Project WILD is in all 50 states and several other countries. Project WILD began in Georgia in 1984. Today over 300 volunteer facilitators conduct workshops statewide. In Georgia, Project WILD is sponsored by Georgia DNR, Wildlife Resources Division, the Georgia Chapter Safari Club International, and the UGA Extension Service.

Training is administered at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and throughout the state. See that listing for directions.

COUNTY:
Jasper

PHONE:
(770) 784-3059

FAX:
(770) 784-3061

E-MAIL:
*Rusty_Garrison@
mail.dnr.state.ga.us*

PUBLIC CONTACT:
*Rusty Garrison or
Burnie Kessner*

**STUDENT
GRADE SERVED:**
K - Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
*Educator workshop: $10
Advanced Educator
Workshop: Cost varies
($45- $100)*

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Georgia Water Wise Council

1033 Franklin Road Suite 9-187 Marietta, GA 30067-8004

PHONE:
(770) 426-8936, x 234

FAX:
(770) 426-9092

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Fox McCarthy

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - 12

PROGRAM COSTS:
Programs:
Xeriscape: $3.95/Book,
$13.95 Video, $15.95 both
Water Sourcebook:
Grades K-2 $21.95,
3-5 $24.95,
6-8 $22.95,
9-12 $29.95 +
shipping $4.50
(Quantity discounts available.)

Purpose: To develop and implement water conservation education materials and programs.

Offering:

- Programs on conserving water in landscaping (xeriscapes)
- Resource Materials: Xeriscape - A Guide to Developing a Water-Wise Landscape
- Video: "Xeriscape - Making Your Landscape Water Wise"
- Programs on teacher training K-12
- Resource Materials:
  The Water Source Book Series
    - Grades K-2 (425 pages with 67 activities)
    - Grades 3-5 (532 pages with 61 activities)
    - Grades 6-8 (440 pages with 60 activities)
    - Grades 9-12 (888 pages with 77 activities)
- Sponsored school system teacher training on The Water Source Book Series

Educational Focus:

Xeriscape–"environmental efficient landscapes"
Water sourcebook: Surface, ground, and wetlands and coastal waters, and water and waste water treatment and distribution.

History/Comments:

The Water Sourcebook is a series of books offering hands-on activities for all grade levels and designed to enhance existing interdisciplinary curricula. Activities are applicable to all geographic areas. The activity lesson outlines were written and tested by classroom teachers. Xeriscape provides details of quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

Georgia Wildlife Federation

1930 Iris Drive, Conyers, GA 30094

Mission/Purpose: To encourage the intelligent management of life-sustaining resources of the Earth—its essential water resources, its protective forests and plant life, and its dependent wildlife—and to promote and encourage the knowledge and appreciation of these resources.

Offering:
- Teacher and Citizen Training Workshops
- Membership program and Magazine
- Georgia Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat Planning Guide Video
- "Habitats," an outdoor classroom newsletter for teachers
- Extensive web-site (www.gwf.org) featuring an on-line native plant sale.
- Technical advice
- Catalog (www.wingsong.org)
- Resource materials

Educational Focus: Wildlife, conservation, teacher training

History/Comments: Georgia Wildlife Federation is Georgia's oldest and largest private conservation organization and the official state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

Restrooms are available

Note: Alcovy Environmental Education Center, a citizen and teacher training facility, will open in Summer 1999. Call for directions and programming. This facility will be handicap accessible and will have picnic tables.

Directions: From I-20 take exit 40. Coming from Atlanta, the turn would be to the left onto Iris Drive. State headquarters are 1 mile on the right.

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COUNTY:
Rockdale

PHONE:
(770) 929-3350

FAX:
(770) 929-3534

E-MAIL:
gwf@gwf.org

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Laura Bryant or
DeAnna Harris

STUDENT AGE SERVED:
Primarily Teacher, Citizen, Group, and Community Leaders

PROGRAM COSTS:
Free or nominal charge

HawkTalk

P.O. Box 130 Holly Springs, GA 30142

COUNTY:
Cherokee

PHONE:
(770) 720-1847

FAX:
(770) 720-1847,
hit "start" after tone

E-MAIL:
monteen@hawktalk.com

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Mobile program

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Monteen McCord

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
1st through Elderhostel

PROGRAM COSTS:
$2/student with a
$150 minimum

REGION:
Mostly North Georgia,
sometimes South
Georgia, Tennessee
and Florida

Mission/Purpose: To utilize birds of prey to educate students and public

Offering:
- "In-house" field trips (at schools)
- Programs
- This is an outreach program
- Website under construction: www.hawktalk.com

Educational Focus: Personal responsibility of youth, basic raptor biophysiology with a slant on conservation practices.

History/Comments: Incorporated in 1993, "HawkTalk" programs, assembly or classroom, utilize a red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, Screech Owl and Northern Barred Owl to teach personal responsibility, basic raptor biophysiology, and conservation practices. I go to the schools with 4 birds — Red-tailed Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Screech Owl, and Northern Barred Owl. HawkTalk has recently been permitted to possess castings, skulls, and feathers, which are incorporated into presentations. HawkTalk's 501(c)3 Status is pending.

Keep Georgia Beautiful

60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

Operated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Mission: To build and sustain community environmental activites resulting in a more beautiful Georgia.

Offering:

- Statewide programs/projects:
  Environmental Awards Program ($1,000 Student Scholarship), Great American Cleanup–week of Earth Day (formerly Let's Keep Georgia Peachy Clean Cleanup), "Bring One for the Chipper" (Christmas Tree Recycling), *Waste in Place* teacher training workshops, *Waste in the Workplace* workshops
- Speakers
- Resource Materials
- Volunteer opportunities
- QCC correlation K-6 of "Waste in Place"
- Web Site: www.KeepGeorgiaBeautiful.org

Educational Focus: Solid waste management including litter prevention, source reduction, composting, recycling, waste-to-energy, sanitary landfilling

History/Comments:

Keep Georgia Beautiful, formerly Georgia Clean and Beautiful, was created by an executive order of Governor Busbee in 1978. The first state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Georgia has 56 affiliated communities throughout the state. Keep Georgia Beautiful and its affiliates achieve their mission with grassroots education programs and activities, community-wide involvement, and public-private partnerships. In 1997, 370,000 volunteers donated more than 2 million hours to Keep Georgia Beautiful, and KAB affiliates.

Directions: Call the office to get directions for each workshop.

COUNTY:
DeKalb

PHONE:
(404) 679-3152 (Rhonda)
(404) 679-4910 (Lynn)

FAX:
(404) 679-0646

E-MAIL:
rkoplin@dca.state.ga.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
State Office:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Local affiliates' hours vary.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Lynn Cobb, Manager
Rhonda Koplin, Education Coordinator

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K - Adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
No charge for teachers

OFFICE:
60 Executive
Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

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Keep America Beautiful

Georgia Affiliates

The organizations listed below are affiliates of Keep America Beautiful. Keep America Beautiful (KAB) is a national, nonprofit public education organization with a mission to empower individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment. These KAB affiliates of Georgia support a variety of community environmental activities and programs. They build partnerships with government, community and business leaders to help their communities develop comprehensive solutions to waste, litter and other environmental issues.

For information about litter prevention, beautification and solid waste management (recycling, composting, source reduction, landfilling) call your local affiliate. They may be able to provide a guest speaker, handout materials and educational brochures. If your community does not have an affiliate program, you may contact Keep Georgia Beautiful at (404) 679-3152.

City	Keep America Beautiful Affiliate	Phone
Albany	**Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful**	**(912) 430-5257**
Alpharetta	**Alpharetta Clean and Beautiful**	**(770) 442-9057**
Americus	**Keep Sumter Beautiful**	**(912) 928-2862**
Athens	**Keep Athens-Clarke Co. Beautiful**	**(706) 369-5708**
Atlanta	**Keep Atlanta Beautiful**	**(404) 330-6972**
Atlanta	**Keep Sandy Springs/N. Fulton Beautiful Inc.**	**(770) 551-7766**
Augusta	**Metro Augusta Clean and Beautiful, Inc.**	**(706) 722-8192**
Bainbridge	**Keep Bainbridge-Decatur Co. Beautiful**	**(912) 246-3611**
Barnesville	**Barnesville/Lamar Co. Clean Community**	**(770) 358-6109**
Brunswick	**Keep Brunswick/Golden Isles Beautiful**	**(912) 262-5380**
Cairo	**Cairo-Grady Clean and Beautiful Commission**	**(912) 377-3435**
Canton	**Cherokee Clean & Beautiful, Inc.**	**(770) 517-7650**
Columbus	**Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission**	**(706) 653-4008**
Conyers	**Keep Conyers/Rockdale Beautiful**	**(770) 483-1148**
Cordele	**Keep Crisp Beautiful**	**(912) 276-2650**
Covington	**Keep Covington/Newton Beautiful**	**(770) 784-2015**

Keep America Beautiful

Georgia Affiliates

Cummings	Keep Forsyth County Beautiful	(770) 205-4503
Dalton	Keep Dalton/Whitfield Beautiful, Inc.	(706) 226-6211
Danielsville	Keep Madison Co. Beautiful Commission	(706) 795-5151
Decatur	DeKalb Clean and Beautiful	(404) 371-2654
Dublin	Keep Dublin-Laurens Beautiful	(912) 272-5162
East Point	East Point Clean Community System	(404) 762-5326
Fayetteville	Keep Fayette Beautiful, Inc.	(770) 460-5730
Fort Valley	Keep Peach County Beautiful	(912) 825-3041
Gainesville	Hall Clean Council, Inc.	(770) 531-1102
Gray	Keep Jones Beautiful	(912) 986-5861
Griffin	Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful, Inc.	(770) 467-4262
Hartwell	Hartwell/Hart Clean and Beautiful, Inc.	(706) 376-6669
Hinesville	Liberty Clean and Beautiful	(912) 368-4777
Homer	Keep Banks Beautiful	(706) 677-2344
Jasper	Pickens Citizens for a Clean Community	(706) 692-3649
Jonesboro	Keep Clayton Beautiful	(770) 477-5700
LaGrange	Keep Troup Beautiful	(706) 884-9922
Lawrenceville	Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful	(770) 822-5156
Macon	Keep Macon/Bibb Beautiful Commission	(912) 751-7427
Marietta	Keep Cobb Beautiful	(770) 528-1135
Marietta	Keep Marietta Beautiful	(770) 794-5606
Metter	Keep Southeast Georgia Beautiful	(912) 685-3390
Monroe	Walton Clean & Beautiful	(770) 267-1443
Perry	Keep Perry Beautiful	(912) 988-2753
Roberta	Keep Roberta/Crawford Beautiful	(912) 836-4140
Rome	Rome/Floyd Clean Community Commission	(706) 236-4456
Roswell	Keep Roswell Beautiful	(770) 641-3715
Savannah	Keep Savannah Beautiful	(912) 651-3685
Smyrna	Keep Smyrna Beautiful	(770) 431-2863
Toccoa	Keep Toccoa-Stephens Co. Beautiful	(706) 886-2132
Tifton	Tifton-Tift Co. Clean Community Commission	(912) 391-9955
Trenton	Dade Clean & Beautiful	(706) 657-4488
Union City	South Fulton Clean and Beautiful	(770) 306-3252
Valdosta	Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful	(912) 333-5116
W. Robins	Warner Robins Clean Com. Commission	(912) 929-7258
Zebulon	Pike Co. Clean and Beautiful Authority	(770) 567-2009

National Wildlife Federation

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HOURS OF OPERATION:
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Monday - Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Vicki Seastrom

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

Mission: To educate, inspire and assist individuals and organizations of diverse cultures to conserve wildlife and other natural resources and to protect the earth's environment in order to achieve a peaceful, equitable and sustainable future.

Offering:
- Resource materials
- Web site: www.nwf.org
- On-site library of environmental education materials available to use on-site, by appointment
- Accredited teacher training (visit our website for more info)

Handicap Accessible? The office is wheelchair accessible

Educational Focus: Endangered species, wildlife habitats, water quality, wetlands, sustainable communities

History/Comments:

This facility is the regional office of the national not-for-profit conservation organization. Visit the web site to learn more about the organization and available on-line teacher environmental education materials, or contact the office in Atlanta. This office offers resource materials and occasionally it offers programs.

Directions: Located in midtown Atlanta, near the Arts Center MARTA station on the 4th floor of the Arthritis Foundation building. Just north of 16th Street on W. Peachtree.

The Natural Inquirer: A Research & Science Ed. Journal

320 Green Street Athens, GA 30602-2044

Offered by the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Georgia

Mission: To provide a resource in science education. To encourage critical thinking about science methods and content.

Offering:

- Classroom Resources
- Teacher's Manual–with suggestions for using journal

Educational Focus: Scientific process and content. Science includes life, physical, and social sciences related to natural resources and the southeast. Examples include research on Red-cockaded Woodpecker, whitewater rafting, land use history, Dogwood diseases, and smoke movement from forest fires.

History/Comments: The Natural Inquirer is a series of science articles written at the grade 5-8 level. The articles are "translated" from actual research conducted in the southeast by USDA Forest Service scientists. Each article takes between one-two classtimes to complete, and includes hands-on activities and "reflection" questions to stimulate critical thinking. The Natural Inquirer emphasizes both scientific process and content.

Note: The Natural Inquirer is not a program. It is a resource that can be used by science teachers in their classroom. The journal will be available on the web in April, 1999

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STUDENT GRADE/AGE SERVED:
Grades 5-8

PROGRAM COSTS:
Currently FREE

PUBLIC CONTACT:
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Field Trip sites: Floyd

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HOURS OF OPERATION:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Beth Bays

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
10 years and up

PROGRAM COSTS:
None

Mission: To preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Offering:
- Field Trips (Black's Bluff Preserve and Marshall Forest Preserve)
- Programs
- Speakers
- Newsletter
- Resource Materials
- Outreach program to schools on endangered species in Georgia.
- Web site: www.tnc.org

Handicap Accessible: Black's Bluff is not; Marshall Forest is partially. Marshall Forest Preserve has a Braille trail.

Educational Focus: Plant adaptation, plant restoration, plant protection and preservation

Comments: Black's Bluff is a limestone outcrop along the Coosa River and features very diverse plant communities. Marshall Forest is an old growth forest.

Restrooms are not available at field trip sites.

Call The Nature Conservancy for more information and reservations. Both preserves are in Rome, Georgia.

Nongame Endangered Wildlife Program

116 Rum Creek Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Mission/Purpose: Protection, management, and preservation of nongame and endangered wildlife.

Offering:
- Field Trips
- Programs: Partners in Flight, Breeding Bird Atlas, Georgia Herpetological Atlas, Forestry for Wildlife, Community Wildlife Project
- Publications on nongame wildlife species
- Accredited teacher training (Project WILD) is available at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, also operated by the Wildlife Resources Division, GADNR (See separate listing)

Handicap Accessible: Buildings are accessible; self-guided nature trail is partially accessible.

Educational Focus: Non-hunted wildlife species.

History/Comments: The Nongame Program office is located on the Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area in middle Georgia, near Forsyth. The Program has an environmental classroom and a self-guided nature trail. Education specialization is non-hunted wildlife species. This is a good site for birdwatching and native plant viewing. The Program's friends group, The Environmental Resources Network (TERN) Inc., offers educational programs in the classroom and on the nature trail. These sessions are limited to regional school groups. Biologists, botanists, technicians, public affairs and support staff work in three offices located in Forsyth (the Program's headquarters), Brunswick and Social Circle.

Directions: From the north, take I-75 south to Exit 60 (Hwy. 18). Go east (left) about 6 miles. Just past mile marker 15, watch for wooden sign for Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area. Follow gravel road past check station to Nongame Office (on left).

COUNTY:
Monroe

PHONE:
(912) 994-1438

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(912) 993-3050

E-MAIL:
forsyth_nongame@mail.dnr.state.ga.us

HOURS OF OPERATION:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

PUBLIC CONTACT:
Andrea Blount or
Jeanne Bohannon

STUDENT AGE SERVED:
The public at large

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Outdoor Classroom Council

PHONE:
To be placed on the mailing list for the Symposium, call the Dunwoody Nature Center at (770) 394-3322, or e-mail Deron Davis at deron@mindspring.com To receive a complimentary copy of the Outdoor Classroom Council Resource Guide call Gary Peiffer at the DeKalb Extention Service at (404) 371-2821.

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
K-adult

PROGRAM COSTS:
Symposium:±$30
Resource Guide:
Free while supplies last

Operated by a coalition of organizations and individuals who share an interest in the design, development, maintenance, use and longevity of outdoor classrooms.

Mission/Purpose: To serve teachers, parents, principals, and community volunteers as a resource link providing up-to-date training and literature.

Offering:
- Resource Materials
- Annual Symposium
- Event listing of training opportunities

Educational Focus: Design, development, maintenance, use and longevity of outdoor classrooms.

History/Comments:
Organized in 1996, the Outdoor Classroom Council's first offering was a roundtable discussion among teachers, parents and administrators to determine what needs to addressed with a statewide symposium. The first symposium was held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden in 1997 with 171 participants representing 85 different towns and cities in Georgia.

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YMCA Locations

Mission/Purpose: To provide programs and services which develop spirit, mind, and body for all.

Offering:
- After school programs
- Summer Day Camp
- Residential camps

History/Comments:

YMCAs offer environmental education through summer day camps, outdoor recreation and sports, action based learning, after school programs and residential camps. See the list below for the YMCA nearest you:

Albany YMCA	**(912) 436-0531**
Athens YMCA	**(706) 543-6596**
Winder-Barrow YMCA	**(770) 868-2917**
YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Inc.	**(404) 588-9622**
YMCA Camp High Harbour	**(770) 782-6311**
Centennial Place Family YMCA	**(404) 724-9622**
Cherokee Outdoor YMCA on Lake Allatoona	**(770) 591-5820**
Covington Branch YMCA	**(770) 787-3908**
Cowart Family-Ashford Dunwoody YMCA	**(770) 451-9622**
Decatur-DeKalb Family Branch YMCA	**(404) 377-0241**
Fayette Family Branch YMCA	**(770) 487-2850**
Robert D. Fowler Family YMCA	**(770) 248-9622**
Ed Isakson/Alpharetta YMCA	**(770) 664-1220**
Rock Chapel Outdoor YMCA	**(770) 484-9622**
Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead	**(404) 350-9292**
South DeKalb Family Branch YMCA	**(770) 987-3500**
Southeast Family Branch YMCA	**(404) 373-6561**
Southwest Family YMCA	**(404) 753-4169**
J. M. Tull Branch/Gwinnett Family YMCA	**(770) 963-1313**
Metropolitan Augusta YMCA	**(706) 733-1030**
South Richmond County Community Center YMCA	**(706) 738-6689**
George and Mary Wilson Family Center YMCA	**(706) 733-1030**

METRO ATLANTA OFFICE PHONE:
(404) 588-9622
FAX:
(404) 527-7693

STUDENT GRADE SERVED:
All

PROGRAM COSTS:
Vary

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YMCA Locations (continued)

Bainbridge-Decatur County YMCA	(912) 243-0508
Butler Street YMCA	(404) 659-8085
East Atlanta/DeKalb Branch YMCA	(404) 659-8085
East Central Branch YMCA	(404) 659-8085
Morris Brown College/Ted Groves Branch YMCA	(404) 525-7831
Northwest Branch YMCA	(404) 794-2454
Southside/Bill Lucas Branch YMCA	(404) 688-4429
Westside Whitehead Branch YMCA	(404) 526-1556
J.D. Winston Branch YMCA	(404) 659-0810
YMCA of Coastal Georgia, Inc.	(912) 354-5480
Armed Services YMCA Program Center	(912) 767-7918
Habersham Branch YMCA	(912) 354-6223
Islands Branch YMCA	(912) 897-1192
Liberty County YMCA	(912) 368-9622
Pryme Tyme Branch YMCA	(912) 354-5480
Richmond Hill YMCA	(912) 756-5856
West Chatham YMCA	(912) 748-9622
Cobb County YMCA	(770) 977-5991
Columbus Metropolitan YMCA	(706) 322-8269
Central Branch YMCA	(706) 322-8269
D.A. Turner Branch YMCA	(706) 563-7001
Georgia Tech YMCA	(404) 894-4590
Hart County YMCA, Inc.	(706) 856-9622
A.J. McClung YMCA	(706) 322-2579
Moultrie YMCA	(912) 985-1154
Rome-Floyd County YMCA	(706) 232-2468
State YMCA of Georgia (Atlanta)	(770) 455-9622
Thomasville YMCA & Youth Center, Inc.	(912) 226-3446
Francis F. Weston Branch YMCA	(912) 226-2482
Toccoa-Stephens County YMCA, Inc.	(706) 282-0261
Valdosta-Lowndes County YMCA	(912) 244-4646
YMCA's of Waycross, GA Inc.	(912) 285-8660
Alma-Bacon County Family YMCA	(912) 632-5098
West Broad YMCA	(912) 233-1951

Corporate Resources

Georgia-Pacific

Georgia-Pacific is a supporter of environmental education activities and opportunities. Foresters conduct "Tree Talks" about forestry and its role in our lives and environment in communities where the company has operations. In addition, Georgia-Pacific has developed environmental education materials—its Educational in Nature series—for use as learning supplements for grades 4-5.

For more information on "Tree Talks" or the Educational in Nature series, contact:

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Georgia Power Company

The Environmental Teachers Corps (ETC) was established in 1993 and consists of Georgia Power and Southern Company employee volunteers whose involvement underscores the Southern Company's commitment to education and the environment. Because education and the environment are vital to Georgia's quality of life, the Environmental Teachers Corps was formed to promote environmental awareness within the school system and to enhance Georgia Power employee support for education initiatives.

ETC volunteers receive instruction on program training, presentation skills, and school etiquette, preparing them to present six environmentally-based programs to students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Volunteer coordinators in Georgia Power area offices and plants market these programs in their local community schools. Each course integrates a hands-on approach to science and math and all meet quality-core curriculum guideline standards. Props include animal puppets, rhythm instruments, electric vehicles and a game show quiz that ensures students, teachers and volunteers are having fun as they learn.

To find out more about the Environmental Teachers Corps, contact:

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or your local Georgia Power office.

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Add-A-Resource

Be a Part of The Georgia Environmental Education Teacher Resource Guide

The Georgia Environmental Education Teacher Resource Guide Needs You!

Do you know of an environmental education resource in your part of the state that is not listed in the guide? If so, forward a copy of this form to the resource and ask a representative to complete and return it. Or, you can complete the form and return it. The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia will update the guide in 2001.

Please mail or FAX this survey to:
Deron Davis
Dunwoody Nature Center
PO Box 88834
Dunwoody, Georgia 30356
770/394-8811 (fax)
Thank you for your help!

Education Resource/Organization Name: __________

Site Address: __________

County: __________

E-Mail Address: __________

Phone: __________

Fax: __________

Operating Organization: __________

(e.g., Dekalb Parks and Rec. operates Davidson-Arabia Nature Preserve)

Hours of Operation: __________

Public Contact(s): __________

Student Grade/Age Served: __________

Mission Statement/Purpose: __________

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Add-A-Resource

(continued)

Do programs meet county or state
Quality Core Curriculum standards? ☐ County ☐ State

Is the facility handicap accessible?____________________

What programs for special needs audiences are available?

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Do you offer (check all that apply):
☐ Programs ☐ Field Trips ☐ Resource Materials
☐ Speakers ☐ Newsletter ☐ Web Site:__________
☐ Outreach ☐ Gift Shop ☐ Other:__________
Please attach information about programs.

Are teacher accredited trainings conducted? (check one)
☐ Yes ☐ No

Description of resource?

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Program Costs:________________________________

On what aspect of the environment does this resource provide education (clean air, water, plant adaptations, etc.)?

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What length of time do programs run?______________
Are programs? ☐ Guided ☐ Self-guided
Are restrooms available? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are Picnic tables available?
On Site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
At a nearby site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are tables covered? ☐ Yes ☐ No
How far in advance should teachers schedule a visit?______

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Comments:

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